Engl 2 Spring 2017 **Annotated Bibliography + (brief) Research Proposal**

**Overview:**

An **annotated bibliography** helps you or another researcher to assess sources and judge how they will fit into a particular project. The annotation itself is usually a paragraph (though often more) written for each source to summarize and usually also evaluate the source. This kind of bibliography can vary in length from a few pages to book-length.

The **research proposal** part in this case will just be the introduction to the bibliography, but it is crucial in helping me judge how solid your research project is so far.

**Procedure:**

1. Starting with your working bibliography (separate assignment sheet), read the sources to determine if they will be useful for your argument—that is, if they answer your focused research questions and seem credible.
2. Annotate the ones that work, find better ones to replace the ones that don’t, and then annotate those, too, for a total of 5 annotated sources. Don’t include the other sources from your working bib that you don’t annotate.
3. **Write a brief introduction** (one or two paragraphs) that operates as the **research proposal** part, identifying your topic, the essay you’re refuting, your tentative grounds for refuting it, and the research questions (in a bulleted list) that you need to answer to support your own thesis. Also state your specific audience and forum. Below that, you will list the annotated sources alphabetically, each with its annotation directly below it.
4. **Peer Review:** Bring 2 copies of the rough draft of the whole project (research proposal + research questions + annotated bibliography) to the peer review.
5. **Final Draft**: After revising, submit the project to **Canvas** and then bring to class the final draft, rough draft, and peer review sheet.

**Detailed Requirements**:

* **How many**: The requirements for the sources are the same as for the working bibliography, except for the annotated bibliography you need only 5 sources, your *best* five. Total length of the project should be around 1300 words.
* **Content:** For EACH source, the annotation will have 3 parts. First write a sentence or two of **summary**, giving the central argument (thesis) and/or main informative claims of each. Next, write a sentence or two of **evaluation**, assessing the credibility of the source as you see it. Finally, tell me briefly **how this source fits into your project** (e.g. “This will supply the expert testimony I need to show that a better solution is needed,” or “This gives needed stats to show how popular the Green MBA has become.”)
* **Due Dates:** Rough Draft: W 4/5 Final Draft: W 4/12

For details on how to use MLA format for both kinds of bib., go to these pages: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/> (MLA in general and bib. format) <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/> (for annotated)