Annotated Bibliography

DUE: 4/21/19 BY 11:59PM
FILE TITLE: "LASTNAME_AB.DOC" (Word document ONLY)
SUBMISSION METHOD: UPLOAD TO ICOLLEGE SUBMISSION FOLDER
EVALUATION: 100 points possible; 10% of your final grade

WHAT IS AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY?

It's a list of citations for books, articles, and documents, followed by a brief (usually about 200-250 words) descriptive and evaluative paragraph—the annotation. The purpose of the annotation is to explore the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited. It's an incredibly useful research tool, especially as you work on larger research projects.

ANNOTATIONS VS. ABSTRACTS

The ANNOTATION and the ABSTRACT are very different creatures. Abstracts are the purely descriptive summaries often found at the beginning of scholarly journal articles or in periodical indexes. **Annotations—which you are being asked to create for this assignment—are descriptive and critical; they expose the author's point of view, clarity and appropriateness of expression, and authority.** The abstract's function is to give the researcher information about the full article; the researcher will read the abstract to determine if s/he should spend the time reading and analyzing the full text. (Information from the abstract *should not* be cited in a scholarly paper—read the whole article!)

THE PROCESS

Creating an annotated bibliography calls for the application of a variety of intellectual skills: concise exposition, succinct analysis, and informed library research.

You should, at this point, have several scholarly sources related to your topic. First, *correctly* cite the book, article, or document using MLA 8th Edition style. Then, *without skipping a line,* begin your annotation.

This is the formula for crafting your annotation:
- 1-2 sentences outlining a brief summary of the central theme and scope of the source. Be sure you identify the author's thesis. Use verbs like "claims," "argues," "suggests," etc.
- 1-2 sentences that explains how the author supports his/ her/ their argument.
- 1 sentence explanation of how this work contributes to your research topic.

- ELEMENTS OF YOUR ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ENTRY
  - File uploaded in a Word document format (.doc, .docx) or a .pdf
  - **Last name/ page number in the header** (.5" from top, 1" from right side)
  - **SINGLE spaced** (unlike an MLA Style essay)
  - **SKIP A SPACE BETWEEN ENTRIES**
  - **1" Margins (except header)**
  - **12-point Times New Roman font**
  - **4-line MLA style header block** (name, instructor, class, date)
  - A *descriptive* **title that indicates the topic** (*not* "Annotated Bibliography"—that should be evident)
  - **Correct MLA citation format**
  - **Hanging indention** (first line extends to the 1" margin; subsequent lines are indented .25"; **do NOT do this with enter/ tab**—instead see this page for how to create a hanging indent in Word: https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Create-a-hanging-indent-7bdfb86a-c714-41a8-ac7a-3782a91ccad5)
  - **(4) bibliographic entrIES (plural) that meet the following criteria:**
    - Source is dated 2007 or later (must be less than 10 years old)
    - SOURCES NEED TO BE SCHOLARLY AND PEER REVIEWED
    - At least a 200-word annotation that is *evaluative*, not merely summary
    - All quoted or directly paraphrased material is accompanied by an in-text citation of the page number on which the information is found (in MLA Style)
    - Your annotations should consist of formal academic language that avoids contractions.