

Research Proposal & Annotated Bibliography Assignment

These are two separate assignments but emailed as a single document

Length: RP: 200+ words; AB: 6 sources + annotations

Due: June 6th, 2018

Total Points: 50 points

Part 1: Research Proposal

This assignment is designed to help you develop ideas for your final paper—a synthesis of multiple perspectives on a question at issue. Write a thorough paragraph in which you (1) discuss the question you will be examining in your synthesis, (2) summarize the source claim from which your question derives, (3) explain why your question is important to you and to a wider audience, and (4) discuss some possible answers or perspectives you will explore in your final paper.

Part 2: Annotated Bibliography

An annotated bibliography is basically a works cited page that includes summaries of and comments on the sources listed. For this assignment, list six sources that you will use in your synthesis paper. Format each entry according to MLA guidelines (Chapter 16 in *The Writer's World*). Your brief summary should include the central topic and, if relevant, the scope of the source. However, because you are compiling this bibliography to help you get started on your next writing assignment, you must also mention the significance of the source for your paper. Your annotations should be about two or three complete sentences.

Submission Requirements

Typed according to the proper format and emailed to me in class.

Grading Criteria

Your paper will be graded according to the following criteria.

Criteria	Points
The research proposal is complete and thorough. It establishes your question, the importance of the question, and possible answers to that question.	/15
The annotated bibliography includes, at minimum, six sources. Each source is briefly summarized. The value of each source for your paper and its relevance to your question are thoroughly established.	/15
The sources are cited according to MLA guidelines.	/10
The writing employs words and sentence structure appropriate to the demands of the rhetorical situation. The annotations are written in complete sentences, and transitions are used effectively.	/10
Total	/50