Assignment Sheet

Eng 1302//Fall 2022

MA1: ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

* **Due Date:**
* **Length:** 750 words. 5 sources with approximately 150 words *per annotation*
* **Format**: MLA

Topic Choices:

1. Climate Change Policy
2. U.S. Prison/Criminal Justice System
3. College Students and the Student Debt Crisis

Description: Provide annotations for the **5 credible sources** you’ve found on your topic. Each annotation should consist of a citation, a summary of the article cited, with sparse use of paraphrasing and/or quotation. What this means is, these should be in your words.

You are allowed to use up to 3 sources from *They Say/I Say*. The other sources you use should come in the form of articles. Do not use peer-reviewed/scholarly articles in this assignment; stick to credible, popular sources. Dictionary, Wikipedia, and encyclopedia entries or the like are not allowed. Websites whose primary purpose is selling something (other than a subscription) do not count as credible. If you’re looking for statistics, be wary of sites hosted by insurance or security companies who use statistics to scare people into purchasing their products. The best sources for you to use are newspapers and news-oriented magazines*.*

In your summary, focus on explaining the ideas of the article rather than giving a chronological retelling. A red flag that you’re doing the latter is if your sentences follow a pattern like this: “…Then the author talked about X. Then the article talked about Y. Then it talked about Z.” Someone reading your annotated bibliography should be able to understand if the articles you’ve summarized would be beneficial to their own research purposes. You need to get the ideas across.

One of the most common mistakes made by students writing an annotated bibliography is that they treat it like an essay. That is not what this is. You should not refer to yourself in these summaries. And although we’ll be keeping an eye on the future assignments these sources will be used in, you are not making any kind of an argument in this assignment. Do not include your opinions in these summaries.

What You’ll Be Graded On:

* Formatting\*
* Demonstrating you understand what your topic is and isn’t via source choices
* Clear, concise sentences
* Recognizable structure to your ideas (paragraph structure)
* An understanding of the role your voice play in this assignment

*\*Please review the Purdue OWL Website for examples of how to cite sources in MLA style.*

**SAMPLE ANNOTATION (of a print source):**

Ballenger, Bruce. *The Curious Writer*. Custom ed. New York: Longman, 2011. Print.

This is a sample annotation. Please note that the citation above is left justified (and, were it longer, would use a hanging indent), but this annotation is indented like a normal paragraph. Note that it is also double-spaced. Your annotation goes directly beneath the citation of the source. Do not list the sources on one page and the annotations on another. Do not number the citations or use bullet points. Summarize the main points of the article without including your own arguments or opinions. We’ll get to that part later in the semester. For now, you’re just gathering information on your topic.