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English 201
Research Plan & Annotated Bibliography

This project combines your research plan (outline) with your annotated bibliography. While these are somewhat separate projects, they will be evaluated as one document. Also, the research plan and bibliography is meant to prepare you for the full research paper that you will write soon after or during this/these project/s. In short, the research plan and annotated bibliography are the *research* for the research paper.

To do list:

- Choose a topic
- Do some preliminary research (web/books/scholarly articles). At this time, you would want to begin your bibliography by listing the sources you are reviewing and evaluating at the same time.
- Create an argument/thesis/ or main point to your research paper and write it at the top of your annotated bibliography and, it should be roman numeral I on your outline.
- Continue to work on your outline using MLA format guidelines. For an example of a proper outline please page 713-716 in your textbook. Please note that we are asking for a “full sentence” outline (not short phrases/words) see specifically page 715 for an example of “Formal Outline.” **Again, for this assignment, we want a full sentence outline.** For more information about outlining and research plans, check out Purdue University’s pages here: “[Why and How to create a Useful Outline](#)” and [Four Main Components for effective Outlines](#)
- Continue to add to your annotated bibliography according to MLA guidelines
- For information on Annotated Bibliographies check out “[Annotated Bibliographies](#)” Remember here too, that we want full sentences and you are creating an Evaluative Annotated Bibliography. Evaluate your source rather than summarize your source. Here is an example of what your Annotated Bibliography should look like: click [here](#)
- So, your research plan/outline should be a full-sentence formal outline following an alphanumeric pattern. Your annotated bibliography should also be a full sentence, evaluative bibliography with at least 8 MLA cited sources, and each annotation should be at least 5 complete sentences.

Final Guidelines:

- Your outline must use the roman numeral format and must exceed 1-page (no more than 2) and/or reach roman number 5
- Your outline must be parallel in structure. Write your outline/plan in complete sentences rather than phrases
- Your Annotated Bibliography must contain 8 sources
- Your AB should be evaluative in nature. Each bibliographic entry must contain at least 5 complete sentences
- **Your AB should have your thesis (main point) at the top of the page**

Submission Procedures

- In short, there will be an area in the assignments area of Blackboard. You will upload your research plan and annotated bibliography as one document. Insert a “page break” to separate the two within the document.

Evaluation

- Format, Format, Format! (MLA all day!)
- Do not be late
- Have documents completed and together
- Your AB and research plan should be parallel to each other (one reflects the other)
- The writing must be clear, free from typos, and stay on topic

Grading Rubric

Submitted on time in Blackboard (should be one document with page break in between)	1/3 of letter
Format that we can open (document should be named “yourlastname.doc”)	Please name this correctly
Outline is formal and full-sentence (no phrases/words—full sentences).	1/3 letter
Outline must be more than one page but less than two	1/3 letter
Outline and AB must be parallel	1/3 letter
AB must contain 8 sources and annotations must have 5 sentences for each one	1/3 letter
AB must contain a thesis or main point of the essay at the top of the page after your MLA header that includes your name, etc.	1/3 letter
AB must be evaluative (rather than summative)	1/3 letter
Refrain from typos and poor writing (more than 3 will hurt your grade)	1/3 letter A 1/3 letter means that if you were to make a B+ but lose 1/3 of a letter grade, your final grade would be a B. Many of these are just simple directions and instructions. Please follow them.