An annotated bibliography is a complete list of all sources a researcher has found and wishes to use in their research essay project. Just collecting sources for a bibliography is the easy part—writing annotations for each source forces a researcher to read each source more carefully. When we do this, we begin to read more critically instead of just collecting information (something a computer can do).

**Part 1:** At the top of your Annotated Bibliography, include an updated and FINAL version of your Thesis Statement in bold (1-2 sentences MAX). If you still need assistance with finalizing your thesis statement, please see me. If the thesis statement given does not pass the checklist discussed in the reading on thesis statements from the UNC Writing Center this assignment will earn a “0” for lack of connection to a clear and concise argument. So be sure your thesis statement is in order!

**Part 2:** Generate an annotated bibliography entry for each resource you plan on using for your Research Essay Project from the previously submitted Research Logs and other research assignments (this means no new material—you’ve had plenty of time to find and submit Research Logs!).

A traditional annotated bibliography entry includes the following:

1. A full text MLA citation for the source being discussed.
2. An annotation consisting of the following:
   a. A brief summary of the source.
   b. A detailed reflection of the source—How does this source specifically help you shape your argument? How can you use this source in your research project? Reference and paraphrase specific material from the source when constructing your answer. Annotations that simply state “This article is useful because it supports my thesis.” in some generic way with no additional insight will severely impact the final grade as it demonstrates a lack of understanding of the material.

**Length:** Each entry should 200-300 words maximum. That being said, when grading, quality will be the focus of assessment—not quantity. Be thorough and explicit with your discussion—prove to your reader that you know this material well with specific examples and demonstration of concrete purpose behind each source.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not copy/paste material from your Research Logs into your Annotated Bibliography. Content from the Research Logs and other past research assignments may be used, however be sure to condense the material and improve upon the work based on the feedback I’ve provided..

This series of entries should be alphabetical by the last name of the primary author listed in the citation (just like on a Works Cited page). To view a sample of a formal Annotated Bibliography, [click on this link](#).

Remember that only the resources included in your Annotated Bibliography may be used for your final Research Essay Project. Think of this like a “Research Bank”: once included, (1) you are obligated to use that material and (2) no additional material can be used—so pick your sources carefully!

When compiling this assignment, keep in mind you are required to have at least five (5) reliable sources for your Research Essay project that in total meet the following criteria:

- Three (3) Scholarly Sources (minimum)
- Three (3) Popular Sources (minimum)
- One (1) Primary Source (minimum)

Notice these are minimums—not maximums. Feel free to add as many sources as you wish from your previously submitted assignments.

*Be sure to avoid the use of first and second person pronouns (I, You, We, etc.) and follow the format guidelines listed in the Course Syllabus.*