Annotated Bibliography

**Due: In class Monday, 12/15**

**If your assignment is late, your grade will drop 10%.**

The first step to writing a research paper is to construct an annotated bibliography.

Each of the sources you have read is like a different piece of a puzzle, and constructing an annotated bibliography can help you decide how to piece the puzzle together.

In order to construct your annotated bibliography:

1. First, supply identifying information for each article that you will reference in your paper. List each of your four sources in the **MLA style**. (See [www.easybib.com](http://www.easybib.com), or <http://library.laguardia.edu/research/mla/>.) Again, you must have at least **one academic/ scholarly article from a database** and at least **three articles from non-academic/ popular sources.** This latter category can include reliable online sources, articles from a popular magazine or newspaper in print form, or, if you want, relevant chapters from a book (written for the general public rather than for scholars in a particular field).

Then, beneath each of your four citations:

2. Write a brief summary (one well-developed paragraph) about each source.

3. Write a brief justification (one well-developed paragraph) for why you need to include each source in your paper (i.e., a brief explanation of how the source proves your thesis, or raises possible objections to your thesis that must be considered, etc.).

**AT THE TOP OF YOUR ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY**, list your Research Question, as well as your particular Thesis (i.e., what YOU think the answer to that question is/ the position you would be arguing for in your research paper).

And, as always, please **double space**.