

ENGL 1301/Dr. Alvandi/Fall 2013

**NOTE:** The Annotated Bibliography assignment and Writing Assignment 4 go hand-in-hand. You will need to choose a topic to write Writing Assignment 4 and then find four sources to complete your Annotated Bibliography. The advantage of writing an Annotated Bibliography is that you will have engaged with at least four sources BEFORE you write your paper. That way, when you write your paper, you can use as many (or as few) sources as you need to make YOUR argument.

### **Writing Assignment 3: Annotated Bibliography**

After you have found four sources on your chosen topic for Writing Assignment 4, you will need to alphabetize each source by its citation and under each citation write one to two paragraphs on the following information.

- What you learned from the source
- What you find useful to your paper
- What counterarguments/arguments it helps provide for your argument (including statistics)

You can use “I” in your paragraphs, but you need to engage with the text.

For additional help on citation, please see the following chapters in your textbook:

- Chapter 31: Working with Sources
- Chapter 32: Finding Sources in the Library, on the Internet, and in the Field
- Chapter 33: Evaluating Sources
- Chapter 34: Integrating Sources

**\*\* Chapter 36: MLA Style for Documenting Sources will be a valuable guide as you work on your citations\*\*\***

**Note: It’s possible that in doing the Annotated Bibliography, your topic changes slightly or completely. That is fine. Don’t worry! Changing your topic or narrowing it down is part of the research process.**

**Annotated Bibliography Due to Angel before Friday, November 15 @ 11:59 p.m.**

### **Writing Assignment 4:**

#### **Writing the Researched Paper**

Now that you've completed the Annotated Bibliography (Writing Assignment 3), we're moving toward making your own argument about your chosen research topic.

Writing Assignment 4 is not your traditional research paper. While you will be incorporating sources, the main idea, your thesis, and what you choose to include for support all comes from you. This is a **researched** paper, which means that you will be incorporating outside sources into your work, but you will be doing so to either present counterarguments to **your** main claim or provide support for **your** own claim.

After you turn in your annotated bibliography, you will then write your argumentative, thesis-driven essay (approx. 5 pages, double spaced and a works cited page) on the question below:

#### **To what extent should the government be involved in your chosen issue?**

Points/Questions to consider:

- You will need to establish for yourself what type of government you are referring to (local/city, state, and/or federal).
- You will need to consider the extreme examples and to what degree the government's roles change in these cases. Then, you will need to consider the examples in between. What is the average? Should the government be involved in these cases?
- Keep in mind the "to what extent" aspect of the question.
- If the government shouldn't regulate this issue, who should? Is this enough?
- How do we handle this issue now? What makes our current system ineffective or effective? What could be changed or tweaked?