Annotated Bibliography Assignment
300-level English Literature Course

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Length: 250 words (annotation only)
Weight: 15%
Due Date: TBD

Overview

An annotated bibliography is a useful research reference tool. It combines a complete bibliographic entry and a summary of the source. Usually annotated bibliographies include a complete list of sources to be used in a research project, but for this assignment, you only need to write one entry.

Instructions

- Choose a scholarly resource that you will use in your research essay.
- Write a bibliographic entry for your chosen resource in MLA 8 style.
- Write a paragraph summarizing the resource. State its main claim (thesis) in one or two sentences. Summarize each of the main points in a sentence or two. Summarize the conclusion in one sentence.
- Write 3 or 4 sentences explaining how the resource is relevant to your essay.
- Format the paper according to MLA 8 style, but without a title page. See https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_general_format.html.
- Include a word count for your annotation paragraph only.
- Add your resource to the class bibliography in Zotero (bibliographic info only).

Adding to the Class Bibliography in Zotero

Zotero is a free bibliographic management tool that makes it easy to collect and organize research sources. It also allows you to generate bibliography entries in any major citation style.

The class bibliography is a collection of resources related to our course. So far it includes sources that I've mentioned in class, as well as our primary course texts. Adding the resources you cite in your annotated bibliographies will create a collaborative bibliography that everyone can refer to when writing their research essays or articles.

To add your resource, follow the instructions at www.zotero.org/support/getting_stuff_into_your_library, "Manually Adding Items."

Annotated Bibliography Assignment Rubric
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Criteria	Excellent/ Outstanding	Good/ Very Good	Satisfactory/ Adequate	Marginal	Inadequate/ Incomplete
The bibliography describes a scholarly resource					
The bibliographic entry is correctly formatted in MLA 8 style					
The annotation is a well-structured paragraph					
The annotation summarizes the resource's main claim, key points, and conclusion					
Includes a brief paragraph explaining how the resource is relevant to your essay or article					
The annotation is about 250 words long					
Overall, meets or exceeds the requirements of the assignment					