

## **Annotated Bibliography Guideline – 10% – Due 24/FEB/06**

In this assignment you will be constructing an annotated bibliography for your research project. An annotated bibliography is a list of sources with a brief analytical discussion of each source. The purpose of this assignment is to help you guarantee that you have done a thorough job of researching the topic and have obtained a diverse array of source material that you will reference in your final paper. Do not rely on existing abstracts/indices for summary information; look at the source yourself before creating your annotation.

### **Basic Requirements for Sources:**

- 1. You must have at minimum 12 sources.**
- 2. Two of the sources must be from our course material. In cases where only an excerpt was included in the course kit, you are required to obtain and consider the full version.**
- 3. No more than 5 can be electronic-only sources (i.e. sources that have no print version).**
- 4. Thus, 7 must be available in paper form (even if you obtain them electronically).**
- 5. At Least 4 must be books (defined as more than 100 pages in length).**
- 6. All sources must be credible, scholarly material.**

### **Amendment**

Bibliography **MUST** include 12 sources. Your research project title must be included on the bibliography **AND** you **MUST** indicate what bibliographic style (MLA, APA or Chicago) you are using. This information **MUST** be on the first page.

### **Required sources (meaning you **MUST** have the following):**

- 2 from course kit (one will be recommended by your TA)
- 4 books (min 3 from academic presses, these could include, say, DeCerteau or Foucault books we've excerpted, but don't double it up with the material from course kit)
- Min 3 from peer-reviewed scholarly journals (published by academic presses, available in paper)

### **Optional sources (not required, but if you use any, you're limited to the max number):**

- Max 2 government or credible NGO sources
- Max 3 A/V sources (documentaries, TV shows, etc.)

For the purpose of the annotated bibliography only (not for the bibliography that is included with the final paper), **please categorize your sources according to the types indicated above**, and put them in alphabetical order by author's last name within each category. Please be clear that your bibliography must have 12 sources whether or not you are using any optional material.

If you are unsure about your source, please check with a librarian or with your TA (but your TA is not required to respond to queries that come within 2-3 days prior to the due date).

Once you have collected the required sources, you need to construct an annotated bibliography. This will include a proper citation (**MLA, Chicago or APA format**) of the source, followed by a short paragraph that describes the source in the following ways:

- 1. What specifically is the subject of this source?**

2. What makes this a credible source of information?
3. What is the author's principle argument(s)?
4. How will this source be useful to you in constructing your own argument(s)?

Each of these should only require one or two sentences but make sure that you cover all four points in your annotation of each source. **Length of each annotation: 75-100 words.**

**Arrange the sources in alphabetical order by author's last name, and number the items. The annotated bibliography must be double-spaced between entries and single-spaced within, Times or Times New Roman 12 pt, 1" margins. There is no need for a title page, but be sure to include your name and tutorial leader on the first page of the assignment.**