**Annotated Bibliography**

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**What is an Annotated Bibliography?**

An annotated bibliography is a bibliography, or list of sources, that includes bibliographic information (meaning its title, author, date, and place of publication) and an explanatory paragraph for each of the sources you will use in an essay. The bibliographic information should be formatted using MLA format (see below for more information). The paragraph should include a brief summary of the source and an explanation of how you plan to use it in your essay.

**What to include:**

* **Your Working Thesis:** include the one-sentence thesis you created in class using the “Creating a Working Thesis and Using it to Generate Search Terms” handout. You can find a copy of this handout on the Commons course website (eng110michael.commons.gc.cuny.edu) on the “Essay Assignments and Rubrics” page.
* **Map Description:** Describe what you will map—what city, borough, or neighborhood, and what you plan to plot or trace on the map.
* **2 Textual Sources:** Consider using one source that will provide broader background or historical context (the library is a good place to look for this) and one source that will provide local or recent specificity (the open web is a good place to look for this).
* **2 Multimedia Objects:** These can be videos, pictures, infographics, etc. If you are using multimedia you have found in the library or on the web, provide bibliographic information and a link; if you have or are planning to create a multimedia object (i.e. take a picture with your phone), describe it. Remember to explain in your annotation what each multimedia source brings to your essay.

**Format:**

* Put your name and the course and section number in the top-left hand side of the page
* Use section headings for each of the four sections: Working Thesis, Map Description, 2 Textual Sources, 2 Multimedia Objects
* Use MLA format for your sources and objects. I recommend Purdue Owl as a good source for finding out how to format different kinds of sources (i.e. news article, encyclopedia entry, blog post, etc.). To find out how to format a source, type into a google search: Purdue Owl works cited and the type of source.