**General Audience Unit Feeder: Annotated Bibliography**

For this assignment, you must first find **four peer reviewed articles and/or government publications** that will help you make an argument regarding the specific subject you choose to comment on for your op-ed. Though you are doing research on this issue, the point of the op-ed is not to repeat back what other people have written; the point is for you to take a position on this issue, a position that is uniquely yours, and to use sources to support your argument.

The Annotated Bibliography is directly connected to the op-ed. The four sources you find could back up your claims; however, if you read and consider the sources, you may find some sources irrelevant to your argument in the op-ed. Such a discovery is part of the “invention” process and is fine—and you can still use these sources for your annotated bibliography.

So, for the Annotated Bibliography assignment, you must:

1. Find four peer reviewed articles and/or government publications on the specific topic of your op-ed (you must have at least three peer reviewed sources).
2. Read and annotate these articles carefully.
3. Write an annotated bibliography.

An annotated bibliography consists of the MLA citation for the source with a brief annotation following the citation. For this assignment, each annotation will consist a 200 word paragraph

1. Summarizing the article in a way that is concise and non-repetitive; this summary should be informative, not descriptive (in other words, don’t state what the article is “about”; concisely state the author(s) main point and what evidence the author(s) use(s) to support the point)
2. A statement regarding how this information is or is not relevant to the claim you are making in your op-ed

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|  | **High Proficiency** | **Proficient** | **Some Proficiency** | **No/Limited Proficiency** | **Score** |
| **Quality of summaries:** Are your summaries informative and detailed? Are they around 200 words, or are they too short/too long?Are your entries proofread and grammatically correct and formal? | 8 to 7 | 7 to 6 | 6 to 5 | 5 to 0 |  |
| **Quality of sources:** Are your sources peer-reviewed or government documents? | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 to 0 |  |
| **MLA Citations:** Do your citations follow the MLA style guide? | 8 to 7 | 7 to 6 | 6 to 5 | 5 to 0 |  |
| **Total Points:** | | | | | **20** |