English 10 - Annotated Bibliography

Part 2 of 4 for the Basha Gives Back Project

Many of you already have sources related to the background of your chosen topic, but understand that gathering background information is only PART of the research process. Some of you changed your topic and some of you are brand new to Basha which means several students do not have any sources. Regardless of whether you have six sources or no sources, every student will be required to find sources related to: background, possible solutions/affecting change, and counterarguments (either to proposed solutions or the issue itself).

An annotated bibliography is a list of citations to primary and secondary sources (books, documents, interviews, essays, graphs, etc.) Each citation is followed by a brief analysis of the source: the rhetorical precis. However, before you can write a rhetorical precis, you must understand each source completely. This is why we annotate each source. The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited.

You will be completing an annotated bibliography on your selected research topic. You will need to document **6 sources** for your annotated bibliography. The following will be your requirements for the annotated bibliography:

**REQUIREMENTS:**

* Introduction Paragraph
* MLA Format & Citations
* Annotated Articles with CRAAP Test Included
* Rhetorical Précis: There is a specific format for the rhetorical précis that will be followed. A précis is a four sentence, specifically formatted, summary of a source.
* **6 evaluated sources (published 2005-2017)** from the following **three categories**:
  + 3 sources dealing with background of the problem
  + 2 sources dealing with possible solutions (including what has been attempted in the past **and** how you plan on affecting the issue)
  + 1 counterclaim to the severity of the problem OR how best to affect the issue.

For each source, you will apply the CRAAP test!

**Currency:** When was the source published? Has updated information been published?

**Relevance:** Is the information relate to background, possible solutions, or counterargument?

**Authority:** What are the author’s credentials or organizational affiliations?

**Accuracy**: Is the information supported by verifiable evidence?

**Purpose:** Does the point of view appear impartial or biased? Is this fact, opinion, or propaganda?

**Reliable Sources –** All of the 6 sources that you use for this project need to be reliable sources. A reliable source is different than just going on to google, typing in your topic, and picking the first 8 articles you find. It requires some investigating on your part. This is where the CRAAP Test comes in. Take this test seriously. Make sure the source has been published recently (within the last 10 years). Make sure it is relevant to your topic and the information is accurate. Make sure the author has authority on the topic.

**Now let’s break the process of this project down into steps…**

Step #1: Find your 6 reliable sources and Complete the CRAAP Test as you find them.

Step #2: Complete Annotations for ALL 6 sources.

Step #3: Cite ALL 6 sources in MLA Format.

Step #4: Write Rhetorical Precis for 3 of the 6 sources.

Step #5: Complete Introduction paragraph.

Step #5: Organize your Annotated Bibliography assignment. (you will be giving guidelines shown how to do this for each step)

**DUE DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH**

**You will submit everything in an organized manner inside of your Basha Gives Back folder that I will provide to you.**

This entire project is worth **100 points** and put into the **writing category**. The rubric, handouts and guidelines are your best friends for this project. Continue to follow them throughout each step of the project.