

Homework #15

Revised Proposal for Essay 3, including Annotated Bibliography

For your revised proposal:

Re-state your main Inquiry Question (that's a *question*—not a thesis), and write a short paragraph stating what you hope to learn by your researching and writing. Your Inquiry Questions may have changed; that's fine. Whether the question has changed or is the same, please state it here.

Number of sources needed:

You will probably use around 8-12 sources for this essay/article; 6 sources is the absolute minimum. Your sources should include at least 1 encyclopedia article, 2 books, and 2 journal articles.

For the Annotated Bibliography, make a list of your six best sources thus far, including:

- 1 Encyclopedia article, other than Wikipedia
- ≥ 2 books
- ≥ 1 journal article

1) List sources in MLA style, thus:

For Books:

Smith, Perry. *A Short History of Consumer Culture*. NY: Utopia Press, 2001.

For articles from an anthology, a journal[†], a magazine or newspaper:

Chang, Judy. "Selling and Demographics." *The New Consumerism Reader*. Boston: Utopia Press, 2000. 150-179. [note that the second line is indented, as per MLA style]

For sources from the Web

(See MLA format for electronic sources in Diana Hacker's *Research and Documentation Online* or via the MIT Writing Center website—follow link to MLA style pages)

2) And then:

Describe each source in a sentence, followed by 1-2 sentences that tell why this source will be useful for your project. **NOTE: This is the "annotation" part of the assignment. You will not get credit for the assignment without annotation.**

A note on citation for this assignment

For the initial draft of this essay/article, I would like *all* sources in parentheses in the text; use MLA style, as it is well suited for this purpose.

- MLA in-text style looks like this: (Smith and Wong, 62)—i.e., author's last names and page number. If you use more than one source by the same author, then also include a short version of the title in your in-text citation.

For the final version of the essay/article, you may use MLA style, *Nature* magazine style, or "magazine style."

For Nature style, go to: <http://www.nature.com/nature/authors/gta/index.html#a5.4> and scroll down to "References."

For MLA Style go to: http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/RES5e_ch08_o.html

Magazine style: We will discuss in class

NOTE: A complete list of sources must accompany each draft.

READING

READ “The Mosquito Solution” by Michael Specter. Specter writes frequently on science, technology, and public health for the *New Yorker*.

FOR CLASS DISCUSSION:

- Specter presents a lot of evidence, especially in the form of comments from people with different perspectives on the question of whether transgenic mosquitoes should be deployed in communities. Is he just giving us on the one hand, on the other hand, or do you see him making a case? Explain why—point to specific places in the article.
- How would you describe the organization of this article? Think of the models described by Elise Hancock: does this article seem to fit one of them? Or...?
- What do you make of the questions posed in Specter’s discussion? If it were up to you, what would you decide?

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