

**College Writing II**  
**Spring 2021**  
**Pinkham**

**Assignment: Working Thesis Statement and Annotated Bibliography**

In this assignment students will be expected to prepare a working thesis statement for their longer research paper. Along the way, they will be required to find and read four academic journal essays from Nyack Library's databases and four reliable website articles. All sources must be relevant and recent, within the past three years (exceptions might be made for important background/context articles older than three years). Students will create an annotated works cited page for the eight articles using the eighth edition of the MLA standards for Works Cited. Each annotated entry must be a minimum of 100 words, and each entry must include a summary of the article's main premise and supporting evidence in the student's own words. Students must incorporate at least one quotation from each article to support their summary, and may wish to choose quotations that they could incorporate into their own papers in the future. These quotations do not count toward the 100-word minimum. Once the students have reviewed their eight articles, they will generate a working thesis statement to be used in the next stage of the research paper, following the guidelines we have discussed in class. Students will be evaluated on the quality and type of their sources, their use of MLA formatting, the quality of their annotation, the quality of the working thesis statement that they generate after reading the eight articles, and, of course, grammar, spelling, and mechanics. This assignment will be worth 10% of the final grade for the course.

**For Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup>: Annotated Bibliography Due**

Here's how I'd like you to organize this annotated bibliography. Alphabetize your entries according to MLA standards. For each entry, provide the correct documentation, then your annotation (summary), then the quotation you've chosen from the article. After your eighth entry, insert your thesis statement. So the assignment should look something like this:

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Thesis Statement