**English 12: Annotated Bibliography and Research Paper Project 2013**

Utilize ***scholarly databases available through mel.org*** to answer a question based on academic research.

**Possible topic:**

A. Censorship in America (today)

**Possible research questions:**

1. What are the causes and effects of contemporary censorship?

2. What is the state of censorship in print media today?

3. What is the state of censorship in the entertainment industry?

4. What are the effects of censorship on the movie/music industry?

5. What is the constitutionality of media censorship?

6. How can schools legally censor works from their libraries?

Tip: The more specific the question, the better the annotated bibliography (and eventual paper) will be.

**Alternative topic:**

B. Literacy in America

**Possible research questions:**

1. What is the state of literacy in America?

2. What is the state of literacy in K-12 schools in the United States?

3 What is the trend for students in terms of literacy skills/development?

4. How is the nature of “literacy” changing in our technology-driven society? (Or) Has technology helped or hindered literacy in the United States?

Other research questions can be proposed and researched pending teacher approval.

**This annotated bibliography should be written following APA guidelines, which can be researched using the Purdue OWL website.**

Each bibliography entry should contain the following information/answer the following questions:

1. A correctly formatted citation following APA style.

2. What is the main idea of the source?

3. What is the author’s purpose?

4. What parts of the subject does the author emphasize/de-emphasize?

5. A description of the article’s importance/relevance in helping to answer your research question.

6. Any potential bias or notable omissions on the part of the author/publishing organization.

**Your annotated bibliography should contain at least 8 correctly formatted annotations.**

**Completed annotated bibliographies should be submitted by Wednesday, November 27th, by the end of the school day.**

* Annotated bibliographies should be submitted digitally via Google documents.
* Helpful links, documents, and tutorial videos are available online at Mr. Fielder’s English 12 website and Purdue Online Writing Lab (APA, not MLA)

**How your annotated bibliography will be evaluated:**

APA formatting (margins, heading, spacing, font) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 12 (1 point per, 4 page-wide)

Six points per annotation: (see assigned requirements) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (48 – six points per annotation)

Conventions (grammar, spelling, punctuation) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (5 points)

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**My research question:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Why/how this is relevant/interesting to me?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Due Dates:**

Four annotations due: Friday, November 22nd

Complete annotated bibliography due: Wednesday, November 27

Research paper due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_