Assignment #1
Annotated Bibliography
ENG 4/574

Description
Based on the subject of interest that you have identified, find sources that may be relevant to your research project and include those sources in an annotated bibliography. Annotated bibliographies include a citation (in MLA, APA, or CBE style depending on which is appropriate for your discipline) followed by an approximately 250-word paragraph about the source that is both informative and evaluative in nature. Your annotated bibliography must include eight sources (graduate students must include ten sources) of which articles in popular publications (e.g., Web sites, newspaper, magazines) must comprise no more than one-third. Please also include an introduction to your annotated bibliography that describes the focus of the work and a summary of your findings.

Due date
• Before the beginning of class on Wednesday, October 10
• Submit via e-mail to gretchen.haas@mnsu.edu
• Include “ENG 4/574 <your first name> <your last name> Annotated Bibliography” in the subject line

Evaluative Criteria and Standards
Your report will merit an A if it does the following:
• Your annotated bibliography contains more than the required number of sources.
• You consistently use a single citation style.
• Your annotation is informative, which means that I can get a sense of what each article is about by reading your summary of it.
• Your annotation is evaluative, which means that I understand if you think the article provides a good source for you, if you think the article has shortcomings, what the authors did well, and what the authors did poorly.

Your report will merit a C (or B for graduate students) if it does the following:
• Your annotated bibliography contains the required number of sources.
• You inconsistently use a citation style.
• Your annotation is somewhat informative, which means that I can get a sense of what each article is about by reading your summary of it but that I may not be getting the complete picture of the article.
• Your annotation is somewhat evaluative, which means that you inconsistently or incompletely included your opinion of the articles’ merits or shortcomings.

Your report will merit an F (or a C for graduate students) if it does the following:
• Your annotated bibliography contains fewer than the required number of sources.
• You do not use an identifiable citation style.
• Your annotation is barely informative, which means that I don’t understand what the article is about from your summary of it.
• Your annotation is rarely evaluative, which means that you have included little to none of your opinion about the articles’ merits or shortcomings.