Annotated Bibliography Guidelines – ENG 103

One of the most essential skills to the composing process – in terms of academic or scholarly writing at least – is the ability to locate and implement necessary and relevant information. The annotated bibliography is a way for us to approach this process in an organized and cohesive manner. The assignment will require that we:

1) Locate reliable sources including books and peer-reviewed journal articles
2) Read through those sources to get a full understanding of their meaning
3) Decide which of those sources might be beneficial to the project at hand (whatever you now realize you've been working towards all semester)
4) Locate all relevant bibliographic data for each source
5) Compose a bibliographic entry according to the appropriate style guidelines (the default is MLA style unless your particular topic requires otherwise… the sciences will require APA)
6) Compose a single paragraph summary/abstract of each source
7) Compose a single paragraph evaluation of the source that considers the relationship between the source and your own research while taking Diana Hacker's reliability guidelines into consideration.

The specifics:

- The bibliography should consist of EIGHT entries
- A maximum of TWO of these may be website sources
- There needs to be a *minimum of one* paper book included in the bibliography
- Encyclopedias/dictionaries (including Wikipedia) do not count as reliable sources for an academic project of this nature
- The entries should be listed in alphabetical order
- The entries should be properly formatted (you can use a site like citation machine or easy bib, or a program like Microsoft word for this) and utilize a hanging indent