

Paper #1: Research Question and Annotated Bibliography (RQAB)
MMW 122, Winter 2016
(5% of course grade)

Length: 4-5 pages

Due: Before lecture, Mon., Jan. 23 (Cassedy Track) & Tues., Jan. 24 (Patterson Track)
(Week 3)

Note: If you fail to submit the RQAB by section during Week 5, it will be considered *not submitted*, and you will fail the course for not submitting all required writing assignments.

Purpose: The purpose of this assignment is to help you: a) identify a contemporary global problem/issue, b) construct a Level-3 research question addressing that problem/issue, c) help you research all relevant positions on solutions or recommendations to address the problem to answer the Level-3 question, and d) articulate these relevant positions.

Topic and Research Question:

In one or two paragraphs, state your topic and the precise, Level-3 research question that addresses a contemporary global problem/issue and that your paper will answer.

- To identify a topic, you might consult:
 - Your interests
 - The MMW 122 Research Areas, Surviving a Research Paper and Reliable Sources handouts posted on the Lecture TritonEd site
 - Your course syllabus
 - Assigned course readings and textbook (see especially bibliographies and textbook headings)
 - Books and journals in the stacks at Geisel
 - Your professor and your TA
- To develop a research question, *READ, READ, READ* **scholarly, peer-reviewed sources** about a contemporary **global topic**, issue or problem that interests you. This problem/issue must impact more than one region in the world). As you read, notice:
 - What you find really interesting
 - What topics are important to you
 - What you would like to understand better
 - What you think others should know, find important, or understand better
- Sources for this assignment must include only **scholarly sources**.
- Your research question must be a **Level-3 question**: a question that can be developed and answered with scholarly research, but that cannot be definitively answered.

Annotated Bibliography: Submit an annotated bibliography to demonstrate that there are at least two positions/sides related to solutions to the problem/issue and that you have reviewed **scholarship that supports both (all) sides**. “An annotated bibliography is a list of citations to books, articles, and documents. Each citation is followed by a brief descriptive and evaluative paragraph, the annotation. The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited. Annotations are descriptive and critical; they expose the author's point of view, clarity and appropriateness of expression, and authority.”(Cornell University Library’s “How to Prepare an Annotated Bibliography”). See the Sample Research Question and Annotated Bibliography that is posted on your course TritonEd site.

Your annotated bibliography should:

- include **6 scholarly, peer-reviewed sources** (related to your question) that you *have read*
- demonstrate your *familiarity* with each source
- demonstrate **all of the important positions/sides** on how to address/solve the problem you are studying
- demonstrate how each source is *useful to your question*
- Contain, **in your own words**:
 - an overview of each author and source
 - an overview of the source's main arguments on your topic and how these represent a position/side
 - a discussion of how the author's arguments could be used to formulate an answer to your research question
- include citations if, in your exposition of your topic and research question, you introduce words, facts, ideas, and arguments drawn from sources you have read.
- Include a Works Cited page (MLA format)

Sources: Include a scanned copy of the title page of each source that you include in your RQAB. If you are using a chapter from a book or anthology, please include the title page of the book. See the handout Guidelines for MMW Papers for detailed instructions on how to label these sources.

Paper Submissions:

An assignment that is missing one or more of the components below will be considered late and will not be graded until all of the components have been submitted. If you fail to submit the Research Question and Annotated Bibliography assignment within two weeks of the due date, you will fail the entire course for not completing the assignment.

What/How to Submit the RQAB Assignment on TritonEd

Scan all documents as PDF or .docx documents and attach. Submit as separate files in the following order via the Assignment Submission link on your Section TritonEd site. **Do not** submit until ALL files are attached – you will only be allowed **one submission** on TritonEd.

Paper Submission (One Submission, several pages)

_____ RQAB paper with Works Cited

- Scan pages, consolidate and save as one PDF or .docx file and label it “RQAB” (UCSD Library’s computers have Adobe that can consolidate pages into one PDF file)
- Click Submit Assignments → RQAB + Sources + Rubric
- Click Browse My Computer and upload scanned “RQAB” document

_____ Sources

- Scan each title page of the sources you include in your RQAB (see Guidelines for MMW Papers for instructions on including title pages and marking cited material). Save as one PDF or .docx file and label as “Sources”
- **DO NOT SUBMIT A WHOLE BOOK OR ARTICLE** – only the part you use. Highlight the passage you used, whether summarized, paraphrased, or quoted. Cite it!

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_____ Submit. When you have uploaded all of the above, then hit Submit.

Your TA will not grade your assignment until all of these have been submitted. Late penalties will apply until the assignment is completely submitted.

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