

PROPOSAL/ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR RESEARCH PAPER

1. Description and Purpose

The [first] assignment of this course is a short proposal on a research topic of your choosing together with an annotated bibliography. The purpose of a proposal/annotated bibliography is to provide you with the opportunity to do some preliminary research in preparation for writing. This will allow you to develop an initial argument, one that might change with further research. It will also provide you with the opportunity to evaluate your sources to see what is both available and useful for your particular topic. Your proposal should be [XX] pages (doubled-spaced) and should briefly describe your topic (rooted in both a specific time and place) and general approach. Be specific in your proposal, remembering that you cannot address the entire history of a given country or region in one research paper. Your annotated bibliography should be roughly [XX–XX] pages (single-spaced) and should include brief descriptions (2–3 sentences) on all of your sources. In these descriptions you should identify the general argument and usefulness of the book or article for your research paper. You can modify your topic and add or remove sources from your bibliography after submitting your proposal, but if you make substantial changes you should notify the instructor.

2. Important Details

Due Date: To be determined (email before midnight)

Length: XX–XX pages (double-spaced, 12-font, Times New Roman)

Sources:

- At least XX primary sources
- At least XX secondary sources (both journal articles and books [at least XX])