**Greetings….**

I apologize that it has taken me this long to get your assignment up, but for this reason, you will not be overwhelmed with work.

Your homework has **3** parts: (1) Review exercise: paraphrasing (2) Create an annotated bibliography (3) Read “I Hear America Singing” by Walt Whitman (not in book, but available online for free)

## PART 1

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## Exercise : Paraphrasing Exercise

Directions: On a separate piece of paper, write a paraphrase of each of the following passages. Try not to look back at the original passage.

1. "The Antarctic is the vast source of cold on our planet, just as the sun is the source of our heat, and it exerts tremendous control on our climate," [Jacques] Cousteau told the camera. "The cold ocean water around Antarctica flows north to mix with warmer water from the tropics, and its upwellings help to cool both the surface water and our atmosphere. Yet the fragility of this regulating system is now threatened by human activity." From "Captain Cousteau," Audubon (May 1990):17.

2. "The twenties were the years when drinking was against the law, and the law was a bad joke because everyone knew of a local bar where liquor could be had. They were the years when organized crime ruled the cities, and the police seemed powerless to do anything against it. Classical music was forgotten while jazz spread throughout the land, and men like Bix Beiderbecke, Louis Armstrong, and Count Basie became the heroes of the young. The flapper was born in the twenties, and with her bobbed hair and short skirts, she symbolized, perhaps more than anyone or anything else, America's break with the past." From Kathleen Yancey, English 102 Supplemental Guide (1989): 25.

3. "Of the more than 1000 bicycling deaths each year, three-fourths are caused by head injuries. Half of those killed are school-age children. One study concluded that wearing a bike helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by 85 percent. In an accident, a bike helmet absorbs the shock and cushions the head." From "Bike Helmets: Unused Lifesavers," Consumer Reports (May 1990): 348.

4. "Matisse is the best painter ever at putting the viewer at the scene. He's the most realistic of all modern artists, if you admit the feel of the breeze as necessary to a landscape and the smell of oranges as essential to a still life. "The Casbah Gate" depicts the well-known gateway Bab el Aassa, which pierces the southern wall of the city near the sultan's palace. With scrubby coats of ivory, aqua, blue, and rose delicately fenced by the liveliest gray outline in art history, Matisse gets the essence of a Tangier afternoon, including the subtle presence of the bowaab, the sentry who sits and surveys those who pass through the gate." From Peter Plagens, "Bright Lights." Newsweek (26 March 1990): 50.

5. "While the Sears Tower is arguably the greatest achievement in skyscraper engineering so far, it's unlikely that architects and engineers have abandoned the quest for the world's tallest building. The question is: Just how high can a building go? Structural engineer William LeMessurier has designed a skyscraper nearly one-half mile high, twice as tall as the Sears Tower. And architect Robert Sobel claims that existing technology could produce a 500-story building." From Ron Bachman, "Reaching for the Sky." Dial (May 1990): 15.

**PART 2: CREATING AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

***DIRECTIONS***

Use the following link to read about a new bill up for consideration in the Alabama house. It is all about the legalization of marijuana.

After reading the article, take a preliminary position for or against this.

Then find at least 3 sources to support your position and create an **ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

***NOTES***

**WHAT IS AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY?**

**DEFINITION:** An annotated bibliography is a detailed description of potential source information on a given topic. The annotated bibliography will include the source bib info in MLA style, along with a short **summary** of the source information.

Simply put, rather than just gathering sources, you will actually use one of the note-taking skills we discussed the first day of class. Summarize the source and evaluate its usefulness in support of your position. Use **3-5 sentences. Write in complete sentences.**

Use this link <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/> for extra help.

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR A FULL DISCUSSION**

**AND A COMPLETE “HOW TO”**

. Be sure to include the site from WAAY 31. Notice I have not documented it properly: That is your job. You should have at least 4 entries on your working bibliography (the article from WAAY 31 and at least 3 support sources.

<http://www.waaytv.com/news/state/ala-house-to-consider-bill-to-legalize-marijuana/article_67c8e60a-6b35-11e2-94cc-001a4bcf6878.html>

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POSITION: In one sentence write your current position on the legalization of marijuana; write only in

3rd person.

"Ala. House to Consider Bill to Legalize Marijuana." *Huntsville News*. WAAY 31, 30 Jan. 2013. Web. 31

Jan. 2013. <http://www.waaytv.com/news/state/ala-house-to-consider-bill-to-legalize-marijuana/article\_67c8e60a-6b35-11e2-94cc-001a4bcf6878.html>.

Here you would write two to three sentences summarizing this article. You will write in 3rd

person only. Notice how the entire paragraph is indented.

**NOTES**

**THE SHORT VERSION**

**Purpose**  
An annotated bibliography serves several purposes.

* It gives a list of resources available on a topic.
* It gives a reader information on what the resource focuses on and the accuracy of the information.
* It allows the reader or your teacher to gage the quality and depth of the resources you used.

**Tips for creating an annotated bibliography**

* Use complete sentences.
* Annotations (comments) are usually no longer than 150 words for each resource.
* Use the bibliographic style of the style guide of the rest of your research paper or project.
* Create the standard bibliography and then add comments to the resources.

**An example following the MLA format.**  
Worldwatch Institute. State of the World: The Consumer Society, 2004. New York: W. W. Norton & Co., 2004.

A collection short articles on human consumption and how it impacts the global environment.

**THE DETAILED VERSION**

**Why should I write an annotated bibliography?**

**To learn about your topic**: Writing an annotated bibliography is excellent preparation for a research project. Just collecting sources for a bibliography is useful, but when you have to write annotations for each source, you're forced to read each source more carefully. You begin to read more critically instead of just collecting information. At the professional level, annotated bibliographies allow you to see what has been done in the literature and where your own research or scholarship can fit. To help you formulate a thesis: Every good research paper is an argument. The purpose of research is to state and support a thesis. So a very important part of research is developing a thesis that is debatable, interesting, and current. Writing an annotated bibliography can help you gain a good perspective on what is being said about your topic. By reading and responding to a variety of sources on a topic, you'll start to see what the issues are, what people are arguing about, and you'll then be able to develop your own point of view.

**To help other researchers**: Extensive and scholarly annotated bibliographies are sometimes published. They provide a comprehensive overview of everything important that has been and is being said about that topic. You may not ever get your annotated bibliography published, but as a researcher, you might want to look for one that has been published about your topic.

**Format**

The format of an annotated bibliography can vary, so if you're doing one for a class, it's important to ask for specific guidelines.

**The bibliographic information**: Generally, though, the bibliographic information of the source (the title, author, publisher, date, etc.) is written in either MLA or APA format. For more help with formatting, see our [MLA handout](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/). For APA, go here: [APA handout](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/).

**The annotations:** The annotations for each source are written in paragraph form. The lengths of the annotations can vary significantly from a couple of sentences to a couple of pages. The length will depend on the purpose. If you're just writing summaries of your sources, the annotations may not be very long. However, if you are writing an extensive analysis of each source, you'll need more space.

You can focus your annotations for your own needs. A few sentences of general summary followed by several sentences of how you can fit the work into your larger paper or project can serve you well when you go to draft.

**PART 3**

Walt Whitman “I Hear America Singing”

\*This poem is not in your book but you can find it online free.

**First:**Walt Whitman’s Poetry: Read the poem and circle at least one word that you don’t know the meaning of or you think has a double meaning. Write what you think the meaning is to the side. \*This poem catalogs (makes a list) of common jobs. Make a list of the jobs.

**Then** reread the poem and write a short summary of the poem (2-3 sentences).

**Finally:** Listen to the poem read by Bob Dylan on YouTube "T LU spossiirst day of class ("T LU spossiirst day of class (