



Explanatory Report Assignment (Individual)

The next step in working towards your *Proposal* is to explain what other people have written about the problem or concern that you have chosen to address. In this paper, the *Explanatory Report*, you will synthesize and integrate your *Annotated Bibliography* sources.

In the *Explanatory Report*, you will not propose a solution to the issue you are addressing. Think of the *Explanatory Report* as a stage on your way toward the perspective you will present later in your *Proposal*. Your *Annotated Bibliography* is a collection of sources about a common theme. The *Explanatory Report* is your opportunity to correlate and differentiate those sources into a coherent picture to frame your issue. you will grapple with what others have said in order to investigate the different sides of the issue. This will lead you to an informed perspective in your *Proposal*.

Guidelines

Your *Explanatory Report* should consist of **three** main parts:

- 1)An introduction that identifies and explicates the issue you will address in the *Proposal*
- 2)A body that compares and contrasts the sources you gathered in the *Annotated Bibliography* assignment, dealing with different sides of the issue
- 3)A conclusion that comes to a statement about where your project stands at this point and makes recommendations for further and more focused research.

The *Explanatory Report* is **individual** and should utilize at least **five** sources from your group *Annotated Bibliography*. At least **Three** of those sources must be scholarly. Your paper should be approximately **four** pages long. Make sure to explain adequately your main concept and any controversies surrounding it that the sources you have gathered bring to light.

Your paper should be mechanically appropriate and adhere to MLA formatting guidelines. I encourage you to visit the Writing Lab (Heavilon 226, 494-3723) to obtain assistance with any part of the writing process.