

## English 121 E

### Annotated Bibliography

#### Remember...

By the end of the quarter, we are going to be putting together an educational ebook about northwest forests and issues related to climate change and forestry. This project comes out of a request made by *350 Seattle* for an educational resource on NW forests. In order to begin this process, you need to start thinking about what topics or issues you might want to write about. To start, you are going to conduct some preliminary research and create a list of sources that seem interesting to you. Then, over the course of the next week you will read these sources and create an annotated bibliography of them.

#### What is an Annotated Bibliography?

An annotated bibliography is an alphabetical list of citations of sources, just like you would find at the end of a research paper. The difference is that each citation is followed by a brief descriptive and evaluative paragraph on the source. The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited. It also ends up being a convenient guide for yourself when you return to these sources throughout the writing process.

#### The Task:

For your annotated bibliography you need at least three sources. Right now, these sources can all be popular sources (i.e. they do not need to be scholarly) – just make sure that you are working with reliable information. Underneath each citation should be a 150-word annotation that covers the following:

- **Gist:** What is the main point or purpose of this source? What topics are covered? In other words, if someone asked what this article/book is about, what would you say?
- **Assessment:** Is this a useful source? How does it compare with other sources in your bibliography? Is the information reliable? What is the goal/purpose of this source?
- **Reflection:** Is this a source you want to continue to work with? Are the topics covered in the source something you are interested in? How might you use this source in your research for a chapter? Has it changed how you think about your topic?