GE Honors Contract Application Write-Up

To satisfy the two contract elements my professor and I have decided that I will create a research collection for a science-related topic. The collection will include a research proposal, annotated bibliography, report findings, and a positions paper. Below are descriptions of each section in more detail.

The collection will be published on Mahara, an electronic portfolio, for others to view. My professor and I will meet once every two weeks to discuss my project.

Topic Proposal

The assignment for the proposal will be given as a timed writing in order to rehearse a possible topic choice.

Once the limed writing has been completed, writers should share a revised draft with their group, working on development and fine-tuning the purpose for the research. After feedback, edit carefully for a final draft then create a Mahara page for the final draft. Do not forget to cite sources clearly in the body of the proposal as well as on a Work Cited.

Annotated Bibliography

Annotated Bibliographies of Web Resources

Annotated bibliographies are lists of resources which have been summarized and evaluated for specific purposes, usually for research projects and/or research papers. Please review Purdue's Online Writing Lab for more information on annotated bibliographies.

Some of my classes have been asked to practice web research by searching for a topic of their choice, then narrowing down to five representative websites for an annotated list which includes a summary of the information, an evaluation of the website's content and usability as well as an evaluation of the usefulness of the material on the website for the research topic.

After the body of the annotated bibliography is completed, write an introductory paragraph to explain the context: the purpose of the list, the order of the content and anything else the reader might need to know about the list.

Please follow Janice Walke's Online Citation format, specifically this example. For the citation lines on your annotated bibliography as well as your Works Cited page.

Annotated Bibliographies for the Research Paper

Searching for and compiling resources on your subject choice will help you discover more about your topic and will help you organize the information in order to write the paper. You will not use all the resources from your anno bib. Most will use 2-3 sources, depending on the quality of your findings and the focus of your paper. You must include your annotated bibliography with your final paper.

Report of Findings

Report of three best sources from annotated bibliography with new introduction and including a conclusion that will transition to the final position paper.

Position Paper

Overall thoughts/opinions of your research.