

# Research Question and Annotated Bibliography (RQAB)

(5% of course grade)

Due: Beginning of section during Week 3 (Oct. 13-17)  
Length: 3-5 pages  
Sample: <http://provost.ucsd.edu/roosevelt/> [click on MMW Courses, then MMW 4]

Your RQAB must be **completed and approved** by your TA before the final paper can be graded.  
(Note: Save your graded RQAB to turn in with your Prospectus during Week 6)

**Research Question:** In one or two paragraphs, state the topic of your paper and the precise research question that your paper will answer.

- To develop a research question, *READ, READ, READ* about a topic of interest to you. As you read, notice:
  - what you find really interesting
  - what topics are important to you
  - what you would like to understand better
  - what you think others should know, find important, or understand better
- Your research question must be a Level III question: a question that can be researched and supported with scholarly research, but that cannot be definitively answered.
- If, in your exposition of your topic and research question, you introduce facts, ideas, and arguments drawn from sources you have read, remember to include necessary *citations*.

## Annotated Bibliography:

Your annotated bibliography should:

- include 6 sources (related to your question) that you *have read*; at least one source must be **journal article** and at least one source must be a **primary source**. Make your
- demonstrate your *familiarity* with each source
- demonstrate how each source is *useful to your question*
- Contain, **in your own words**:
  - An overview of each author and source
  - An overview of the source's main arguments on your topic
  - A discussion of how the author's arguments could be used to formulate an answer to your research question