**The Annotated Bibliography**

For this assignment you will be required to produce a properly formatted annotated bibliography that lists the five sources that you used to complete the assignment. The annotation for each source appears in a couple of lines immediately below the source citation. In your annotation, you must:

1. explain how you determined that the source that you used was credible and
2. how the source was useful to you for this assignment.

**Format Guidelines for Annotated Bibliography**

**Use the Chicago Style guide handout to complete your bibliography in the format required. *Remember that even though your bibliography is only five sources, those sources must be listed in alphabetical order.***

**Annotation example**

**Source:**

Bliss, Michael. “Women in WWII.” *Canadian History Magazine*, June 20, 2002.

<http://www.history-magazine.com/libraries.html>

**Annotation:**

***Reasons that you believe that this is a reliable and credible website (1-2 lines)***

i.e. This is a credible source because there is a clear date of publication and the article is published in a recognized historical magazine whose commercial success is dependent on its articles being factually reliable. The author is a professor of history at the University of Toronto.

***Usefulness of site to your diary entry (2 lines)***

One line that describes the general content of the source: i.e. This source was useful because it describes, in detail, the various roles that women performed in Canada’s factories in WWII.

One line that describes, specifically, how you used the source in your diary entry: i.e. I incorporated into my diary entry specific information about women’s work on an assembly line building Lancaster Bombers.

**Internet Research**

The internet has become a wonderfully useful means of gathering information for those who are able to use it wisely. Information is not always easy to find however, and one must be conscious about the credibility of the source.

**Searching the Internet**

There are millions of websites, and they may have pertinent information for you, but if you cannot find it will not matter.

* *Search Engines – ie Google, Yahoo!, Bing*
  + a means of finding relevant websites based on keywords
  + these are not research sources
* *Advanced Searches*
  + narrow down and focus results by using more specific search criteria
  + exact phrasing, specific words (multiple, all, any, not), region, date
* *Updating the Search*
  + continually modify the search with new terms to increase relevant results

**Assessing Credibility**

In order to ensure the information you find is valid and therefore useful, you need to evaluate if the information is credible.

* *Author/Institution*
  + consider the credentials of whoever is publishing the information
  + are they recognized as an authority on the subject
* *Date Published*
  + determine if the information current
  + sets the context for the information