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Paper Prospectus Assignment

This assignment provides an opportunity to test drive different types of claims. Remember, assignments are a place where you can **experiment** with types of claims and will help make writing these papers easier.

For this assignment, you will compile an annotated bibliography for one of your papers and perform some prewriting for the remaining three. Please be sure to identify your audience and write what claim (fact, value, policy, or definition) you want to prove. Whatever claim you use for your annotated bibliography cannot be used in the prewriting portion of this assignment. You can use each claim only once.

Your annotated bibliography will be a standard MLA-style bibliography containing a brief (usually about 150 words) descriptive and evaluative paragraph for each citation. The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the significance (why this source is important to use for your essay) and accuracy (is your source reliable, not vulnerably to bias or one-sided) of the sources cited. For an example of an annotated bibliography entry, you may refer to “Compiling an Annotated Bibliography” in *The Structure of Argument*, (pg 430-431) or visit [How to Prepare an Annotated Bibliography](#) (Cornell University Library).

Some prewriting techniques include (additional information can be found under the prewriting tab on The Cache):

- Cubing
- Dialoguing
- Dramatizing
- Freewriting
- Listing
- Matrixing
- Outlining
- Topical Invention