REVIEW: Annotated Works Cited

1 Credentials of the author or publication.

2 Topic and point of view or bias.

3 Audience—for the layperson or specialist?

4 Assessment—how it informed your thinking.

5 Annotated Works Cited = a quick survey of your research process.

Examples in MLA format:

Article in an anthology:

Singer, Peter. “The Singer Solution to World Poverty.” *The New World Reader: Thinking and Writing about the Global Community,* 4th edition. Gilbert H. Muller, ed. Boston: Wadsworth, 2014. 327-333.

Professor of Bioethics at Princeton University, Singer addresses a general audience, proposing that everyone should do more to alleviate poverty. He controversially suggests that we in affluent countries should give direct cash aid to those in poor countries, giving away what we have beyond covering our basic necessities. Although I don’t completely agree with this level of altruism, his argument is presented in clear philosophical terms.

Single-author book:

Appiah, Kwame Anthony. *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers.* New York:

 W. W. Norton and Co., 2006. Print.

Professor of Philosophy at New York University, Appiah’s world view is both pluralistic and tolerant of differences. In an instantly connected, 24/7 world, we know what’s going on in many places—both good and bad news. In terms of ethics, Appiah connects knowledge with responsibility. He posits a philosophical question, to what extent should we care about strangers living far away? What binds us together as people?

Website:

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Web. November 23, 2015.

Headquartered in New York City, the ACLU is a non-profit, public interest organization for civil rights, representing a wide range of social and political views, including LGBT and women’s rights, African-American voting rights, American Nazi party. Most of their advocacy is for protecting the individual against undue governmental control or censure. Useful for defining issues in legal and constitutional terms.