Essay #2: Annotated Bibliography

After completing the evaluating website workshop, you are now ready to begin your second major project. Working alone, in pairs or in groups of three, you now have the opportunity to explore/identify/describe and analyze sources which present information on one particular environmental issue in Appalachia. Many of these issues deal with air, water or soil. You may choose to explore any segment of these issues, such as legal, ethical, social, health or other concerns. Choose websites, books, scholarly journal articles, magazine articles, newspaper articles or other sources that present information and position on these issues. Find and evaluate ten sources for each of the members of your group.

1) Each entry will include complete bibliographic information cited according to MLA and at least some of the following information:
   • Brief summary
   • Intended audience and use
   • Significance or value
   • Reliability
   • Theory or methodology
   • Success of the author’s approach

2) In terms of appearance, the annotation will begin with the bibliographic information.
   • Single space the text of your annotation, which should average about 100 words.
   • Write in either complete sentences or telescopic style of phrases (non-sentences).
   • Since this assignment will be shared with others in the class, include evaluative and descriptive information in each annotation.
   • Arrange the annotations alphabetically as you would a works cited page.

3) Since you will be analyzing academic conversations, use the information in *Entering Academic Conversations* (27-29) to assist you.
   • Analyze the tone of the work and its language; these will be strong clues to audience and value of the work.
   • Analyze the assumptions that the writer makes; these will help you recognize bias and the effectiveness of the support the writer provides in defense of her/her ideas/positions.

4) The Cornell University Library offers an excellent guide for understanding and writing annotated bibliographies. Check it out!

5. Kelly Diamond in the term paper clinic can also assist you. She offers the following
information to help you locate ownership of webpages: <www.NETSOL.COM>. Click on the <WHOIS> link and type the URL into the search box.

Good luck! Contact me with questions.