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### Homework #17

# Due for class Tuesday 4/14

Continue working on Essay 5. For Tuesday: Refine your proposal and prepare a short Annotated Bibliography.

## 1) **Refined proposal**: Answer these three questions:

- What is your Inquiry Question? That is, what is the question that you would like to answer, and that you think will serve to shape your essay effectively. Note: You may include subsidiary questions here, but don't just write a list of Q.s you want to answer—really aim to come up with ONE QUESTION that will drive your research and shape your paper.
- Why does it matter? What's at stake for you and for readers? (You may want to paste some of your original proposal here, or you may have new thoughts.)
- At this early stage, whom do you envision as your "core reader"?

### 2) Write a short **Annotated Bibliography**, as follows:

Make an annotated bibliography of your six best sources thus far. Your sources should include *at least two books*. **List the source**, thus:

#### Book:

Smith, Perry. A Short History of Consumer Culture. NY: Utopia Press, 2001.

# Article from an anthology, a journal,\* a magazine or newspaper:

Chang, Judy. "Selling and Demographics." *The New Consumerism Reader*. Boston: Utopia Press, 2000. 150-179.

#### Web

See MLA format for web sources. Here are a couple of helpful links:

http://www.liu.edu/cwis/cwp/library/workshop/citmla.htm. http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/cite5.html

(scroll down to "Box 5.3" and below—it gives you a pretty complete listing of types of web-based sources.)

**And then**:: Describe each source in a sentence, followed by 1-2 sentences that tell why this source will be useful for your project. NOTE: This is the "annotation" part of the assignment. You will not get credit for the assignment without annotation.

\*A journal is a periodical publication containing short articles, written for an audience within a scholarly or professional discipline. Journal articles are peer-reviewed, which means that they have been vetted by scholars or professionals with competence in the field. They are distinct from magazines, which are written for a general audience—even though sometimes it may be a general audience with special interests. For example, the Journal of Neuroscience is a journal; Scientific American is a magazine.

**Due**: If you get your 2 documents to me by **1:00 of 4/14**, I will return them to you in class with comments. If you get them to me **no later than 5:00 Tuesday**, I will respond Tuesday evening via e-mail.