A bibliography is simply a list of works on a particular topic; it can include any kind of sources. The basic information of a bibliography is identical to that of a works-cited list: author, title, publisher, date, and, in the case of articles: periodical name, volume, and page number. Like a works-cited list, a bibliography is arranged in alphabetical order, based on each author’s last name. Unlike a works-cited list, which includes only the works you reference in your essay, a bibliography includes all of sources you looked at in the process of researching your topic. To annotate a bibliography means to include critical commentary about each work on the list, usually in the form of one or two short paragraphs (approx. 150 words).

This assignment will allow you to expand the course material in a direction of your own choosing. You will use the library as a research tool, and, in the process, you will discover, evaluate, and annotate the most important sources for your topic. The assignment consists of four steps:

1. Choose a topic having to do with the field of African American studies and locate four books or articles (in academic journals or periodicals) that best address that topic.

2. You will attend a scheduled Friday workshop at the library for a research session that will greatly help you in your search for these resources. In addition to running these sessions, librarian Harry Murphy has set up a web site with tips and examples to further help you with the assignment. The scheduled Friday Workshops at the Library are as follows:

   Week 3 (this week): Section AB will meet this Friday, October 17 at 2:30 at the Suzzallo Instruction Lab on the first floor (near west entrance behind the Donor's Room)

   Week 4 (next week): Section AA will meet on Friday, October 24 at 1:30 at the Suzzallo Instruction Lab on the first floor (near west entrance behind the Donor's Room)

   Section AC will meet on Friday, October 24 at 1:30 in Mary Gates Hall, Room 044
3. Write a paragraph or two summarizing the general trends you perceive in these books and articles, including what you think might be interesting areas for further investigation.

4. Create annotated bibliography entries for each item.

Each annotated bibliography entry should begin by identifying the source in correct MLA documentation. You will then provide the following:

- A concise outline of the main points in the text.
- A statement about the author’s goals and his/her intended audience.
- An evaluation of the text’s usefulness for the investigation of your topic.

In addition to your summary of the general trends you see in your selected books and articles (approximately 150-200 words), each of your entries should be about 150 words. Your entire assignment should be about three to four pages long. Good luck!

**Due Friday, November 21, 2003 by 4:00**

(Hand in to Ellen Palms in Padelford B 505, American Ethnic Studies Department)