For this assignment, you will create a WORKING bibliography: a list of all the sources that you have found in your preliminary research about your research paper topic. This is NOT expected to be your actual final list of sources that you use for your paper. You most likely will use some of these, but you will also most likely ignore some of them.

In order to do a proper Working Bibliography, the researcher has to use the proper tools. At a minimum, you will be expected to show that you have looked for (and hopefully found) possible sources for your paper using the following research tools:

- An academic library

- Academic databases

- Search Engines (including Google Scholar)

- Online resources like Amazon.com, wikipedia.org, etc.

Research for an academic/professional level paper needs to be sure to use academic level/quality sources. That means that YOU, as the researcher, need to filter the materials and determine which ones qualify as being appropriate and which ones are inappropriate. You can't just do a search on Google and call it good. The quality of your sources will reflect specifically on the final quality of your paper. Be picky.

Your instructor will expect to see a working bibliography that indicate that you have taken the assignment seriously and done the necessary work.

- You should show several different types of sources, rather than only books or only periodicals or only database articles or only webpages, or, or, or…

- Every source listed should also include a comment or statement as to why you feel they are a credible **academic/professional source**.

- There is no specific formatting requirement since we haven't discussed MLA or APA in class yet, but the instructor does need to know as much as possible about the source – publisher, internet address, date of publication, author name, etc.

- The working bibliography should contain at least 10 sources, with at least **3 different types** of sources represented.

- Reference works like dictionaries, encyclopedias, **Wikipedia**, etc. are **not** considered part of your bibliography, but they CAN point you towards other, usable sources.

- Publish-your-own article sites like EzineArticles.com, Buzzle.com, AssociatedContent.com, Constant-Content.com, etc. are NOT acceptable at the college level. Period.

If the instructor finds any holes or weak areas in your research, you will be expected to do more research to fill in those areas before proceeding to the next step.

The librarians at the College Park library will be happy to help you with this assignment. You should not expect to find adequate college level sources at a public library. Find the time to go to a college or university library to do at least part of your research.

This is a graded assignment. You will be graded on how well your listed sources meet the expectations listed on this page. Be sure to use credible, academic level sources.