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American Studies

### Annotated Bibliography

Create an annotated bibliography for our fall semester, in which you include an entry for each unit of study we have completed. An annotated bibliography contains a series of entries for sources consulted. Each entry may include a brief summary of the source, an assessment of the source's usefulness, and a reflection (Bisignani). It should not address each assigned text, rather you should consider the content holistically as representative of a movement or of an era. Your entries should include the following:

- The Puritans
- The Rhetoric of a New Nation
- The American Romantics
- Slave Narratives
- Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
- The Awakening
- Ragtime

In terms of a direction for your analysis, you must address the following paradox: the national identity for the United States is the product of a sense of community and individuality. For each entry, consider how the texts emphasize community and individuality and/or how one is emphasized at the cost of the other or in the context of the other.

Finally, include a paragraph-long summation that connects the dots between the units. This assignment is to be completed using your class notes and/or the actual texts. If you use any print or electronic sources other than our assigned texts, you must use parenthetical citation and include a works cited list. If appropriate, you may include a selection from your American Identity essay for an epigraph.

Please use standard MLA format. The essay must be double-spaced, with one-inch margins all around. Please use a 12-point, Times New Roman font. All papers must have an appropriate and creative title. Length guideline: 2-3 pages. No coversheets.

You will be expected to submit a sample entry. You must complete a full rough draft to be peer edited in class. The proposal and your peer-edited rough draft should be stapled together and resubmitted when the final draft is collected.

### Work Cited

Bisignani, Dana and Allen Brizee. "Annotated Bibliographies." Purdue Online Writing Lab. 4 April 2010. Purdue University. 1 Jan. 2011. <<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/>>.