

AP English 12  
Mr. Stumbaugh  
Elizabethan Drama Paper- 100 points



### ***Intro***

Your paper will examine some element of the Elizabethan tragedies we have read this year. Look to first select the play, then decide on the element of the play you will examine. You will move to researching your topic (Questia, traditional libraries, etc.) and writing an annotated bibliography of the four to six sources you selected. Then, you will write the paper.

Possible topics include: the morality play, the role of strong women, the exotic, Good vs. evil, disguises, sexual politics, animal imagery, and/or betrayal on various levels.

### ***Timeline***

Handed out: Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Step One: Thesis Development

Due: Friday, December 7, 2007

Step Two: Sources (four to six journal articles or books. One **commercial** web site only)

Due: Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Step Three: Annotated Bibliography (75 points)

Due: Friday, December 14, 2007

Step Four: Rough Draft (35 points)

Due: Monday, December 17, 2007

Step Five: Elizabethan Drama Paper (100 points)

Due: Friday, January 4, 2008

### ***Possible texts:***

Doctor Faustus, Christopher Marlowe

Othello, William Shakespeare

Macbeth, William Shakespeare

### ***Specifics***

- Four to six pages, typed, double spaced, etc. (see the style sheet)
- Cover sheet/title (for Annotated Bib., as well)
- MLA, etc. (Works Cited)
- Strong thesis- defended.
- Annotated Bibliography- 75 points
- Paper- 100 points

## ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

The following information is adapted from the following web sites:

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/okuref/research/skill28.htm>

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/general/gl\\_annotatedbib.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/general/gl_annotatedbib.html)

An annotated bibliography is a list of citations to books, articles, and documents. Each citation is followed by a brief (usually about 150 words) descriptive and evaluative paragraph, the annotation. The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited.

Creating an annotated bibliography calls for the application of a variety of intellectual skills: concise exposition, succinct analysis, and informed library research. First, locate and record citations to books, periodicals, and documents that may contain useful information and ideas on your topic. Briefly examine and review the actual items. Then choose those works that provide a variety of perspectives on your topic. Cite the book, article, or document using the appropriate style. Write a concise annotation that summarizes the central theme and scope of the book or article. Include one or more sentences that (a) evaluate the authority or background of the author, (b) comment on the intended audience, (c) compare or contrast this work with another you have cited, or (d) explain how this work illuminates your bibliography topic.

**USE MLA documentation!**

### EXAMPLES

Cobb, Charles. Practical Communication for Technical and Vocational Arts. Santa Monica, CA: Goodyear, 1987.

This text-workbook with tear-out pages has 13 chapters covering such topics as “The Basics of Communication,” “Work Orders and Estimates,” “Other Necessary Forms and Records.” All chapters end in a “learning quiz” that reviews the text and projects that require students to write a response, complete a form, or prepare graphics materials. Six appendices cover grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary. Many examples of forms for memos, work orders, job records, insurance claims, maintenance requests, etc., are also included.