**Annotations: Quick Guide**

Annotations are simple and can be completed with a simple formula, consisting of 3-7 sentences, depending on the source:

1. What is the source and where did you find it?

2. What is the main point/argument/thesis of the source?

3. How did you use the source and how does it support your

thesis?

**Rules, Tips, and Tricks for Annotations**

1. The length of your annotations will largely depend on how important a source is to support your thesis. For example, if you use a portrait of George Washington to demonstrate his inauguration garb, that annotation will be substantially shorter than one regarding a volume of compiled letters between George Washington and various individuals.
2. Every single source needs to be annotated, without exception.
3. Keep track of these as you go. It will be daunting if you leave annotation writing until the last minute.
4. Every single source has a main point, though some may not have a thesis, per se. A photograph likely does not have a thesis, but it does have a main point, i.e. conveying the beauty of a landscape.

**Now, write annotations for each of your three citations using the formula above.**

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