Part I:

**Blog Post #2:** Revise Blog Project Freewrite and add 2 Annotations (about 500 words total)

**Due: Sunday 9/15 by midnight**

Part II:

**Comments on Blog Post #2:** Read and Comment on 2 classmates’ posts (at least 75 words/post)

**Due: Thurs 9/19 by class time**

For this week’s post we are going to get a head start on our project proposal and annotated bibliography. This is our opportunity to try out our ideas and see what blogosphere looks like in our fields of interest. Plus, this will jump start our online community and serve as a way to gather feedback from class members.

For Sunday, 9/15 I would like you to write an entry which contains a (very) short description of what you think you might like your project to be—i.e. what kind of blog you would like to create. This can and should be a sort of revision of the freewrite we do in class on Tues, 9/10. (Think about subject matter and content, think about voice and audience, think about design and layout, etc.)

Then, find and review 2 blogs that cover issues or themes similar to your proposed project. *Use the readings that we have had so far to point out particular aspects of your chosen blogs/sites that you think are working well. Keep in mind things such as: design, layout, content, voice, transparency, etc.* Stuck? Take a look at Purdue’s guidelines for what an annotated bibliography is: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/>

For class on Thursday 9/19, you will have read the class blog and commented on **2 posts.**  Remember, our writing and revision in this class is designed to promote thinking, so please use the comments as a way to suggest more resources, offer insights, or expand your classmates’ thinking (not tear it down). These comments should be at least 75 words each.

Part III:

**Paper #1: Annotated Bibliography and Blog Project Proposal**

**Due: Email annotation and proposal to me by midnight on Sunday, Sept 22.**

Assignment:

**Part I**: Annotated bibliography of **4 websites/blogs: 100- 200 words each**; properly cited using MLA (or other format of your choice)

**Part II**: Blog **Project Proposal : 500-600 word essay** outlining what it is you want to write about and how your contribution to this particular theme will add to/ fit into the current trends in your field of inquiry. Please use the blogs from your annotated bibliography to think through how your project will fit into the larger field as it stands today.

It may seem mundane to create an annotated bibliography for your first paper, but this is not an ordinary annotated bibliography. I want you to find 4 websites/blogs that relate to or in the same vein as the kind of site you would like to create. (Feel free to revise work you did in your 9/15 assignment!)

Tip: *Use the readings that we have had so far to point out particular aspects of your chosen blogs/sites that you think are working well. Keep in mind things such as: design, layout, content, voice, transparency, etc. If you are feeling stuck writing the proposal, look at Carroll’s prompt on page 116. There he has a bulleted list of things that might help you get your thinking going.*

*If you are feeling stuck writing the annotate bibliography, take a look at Purdue’s guidelines for annotated bibliographies:* <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/>

These 4 annotations and project proposal should be emailed to me at kershs@dickinson.edu by midnight on Sunday, 9/22. Please DO NOT post these to our class website.