

# The Craft of History: Latin America & the United States

## Annotated Bibliography Spring 2020

Student:

Your assignment is to research and compose an annotated bibliography investigating any aspect of the history of U.S.-Latin American relations or U.S. Latin@ History. This assignment will serve as the foundation for your larger research project and Wikipedia entry.

The best annotated bibliographies will: demonstrate your skills at college-level research; evaluate each author's point of view, argument, and use of evidence; demonstrate critical thinking skills in your analysis of each source's links to the wider historical debates; and employ skillful writing to persuasively convey your conclusions.

The following criteria help to explain the different elements of my evaluation. I've evaluated each of these on a five-point scale (1=poor, 3=satisfactory, 5=excellent).

### *Historical Research & Analysis*

- clear account of your research question & selection of evidence 1 2 3 4 5
- adept use of research skills in selection of varied, high-quality sources 1 2 3 4 5
- thoughtful critique of each author's point of view & argument 1 2 3 4 5
- insightful analysis of each author's sources & use of evidence 1 2 3 4 5
- concise treatment of subject without too much summary 1 2 3 4 5
- assessment of source's contributions making links to historiography 1 2 3 4 5
- evaluation supported with specific examples from the text 1 2 3 4 5

### *Communication*

- attention to the writing task (length, format, specifications) 1 2 3 4 5
- clear communication of ideas 1 2 3 4 5
- appropriate citation of sources 1 2 3 4 5

### *Comments*