

There are two assignments that must be completed before the end of the day on Friday, February 15. Since today is the final day we are able to use the computers (only half the block), you MUST make certain you utilize your time. I will continue to evaluate annotated bibliographies and annotated sources. I cannot provide those who have not completed the annotated bibliography full credit. Ample time has been provided.

Again, this topic is a challenging topic in that can we present a formal, well-researched paper on the plausibility of conspiracy theories? Think back to the “[Cracked Science](#)” video. Do these stories have substance or is society just suspicious of everything that stems from authority?

Think about the following:

“People fall for conspiracies over social media if the information is in more simple language, repeated from several sources and links to people's beliefs,” said Danielle McNamara, a psychology professor at ASU.

But people can combat against the dangers of conspiracy theories. Gillmor suggests readers check other sources and remain skeptical in order to debunk conspiracy theories that have yet to be proven (Jimenez 2018) .

Jimenez, A. (2018, April 17). Warning: Conspiracy theories ahead. Retrieved

February 13, 2019, from <http://www.statepress.com/article/2018/04/>

As you continue to develop your ideas, ask yourself these questions: why do people believe in your selected theory? Why is your selected theory relevant to the public? What controversy still exists?

Breakdown of the last two assignments:

Annotated Sources

Min. number of sources (3)	/6
Min. Number of Quotes/Paraphrases	/5
Quotes/Paraphrases	
Annotated Properly (highlighting WITH explanations in the margins)	/10
<i>Total</i>	<i>/21</i>

Formal Outline

Requirements

- Use APA formatting. SCROLL TO THE NEXT PAGE TO SEE THE EXAMPLE.
- Include all headings and numbers in the outline as **shown on the example**.
- Continue to revise your primary claim as necessary (this could be due to language/style issues or for content adjustments). Even though I have given the GO on many thesis statements, revision may still be required as you begin writing your paper.
Remember this should end your introduction paragraph.
- All body section claims must be in SENTENCE FORM.
- All evidence (quotes and paraphrases) must be in SENTENCE FORM which means they must include a lead-in and a parenthetical citation.
- You do not include interpretation in the formal outline.
- You do not write a conclusion paragraph in the formal outline.

Formal Outline

APA format	/5
Organization & Easy to Read	/5
Complete Sentences	/10
Min. 5 pieces of evidence	/10
<i>Total</i>	_____ / 30

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I. Write your revised, edited, and proofread thesis statement here.

II. Body

A. Write your first body paragraph claim in a complete sentence or two.

1. Write your evidence to support the claim in a complete sentence (lead-in, evidence, citation).

2. Write your evidence to support the claim in a complete sentence (lead-in, evidence, citation).

B. Write your second body paragraph claim in a complete sentence or two. (Counter Claim)

1. Write your evidence to support the claim in a complete sentence (lead-in, evidence, citation).

C. Write your third body paragraph claim in a complete sentence or two.

1. Write your evidence to support the claim in a complete sentence (lead-in, evidence, citation).

2. Write your evidence to support the claim in a complete sentence (lead-in, evidence, citation).

III. Conclusion: *You do not need to write a conclusion for the formal outline, but you should have it labeled as "III. Conclusion" on your outline*