This assignment is designed for you to practice researching and summarizing scholarly sociolinguistic articles and book chapters. *You may choose to write this essay alone or with another student as long as both of you have the same TA.*

An annotated bibliography is a list of bibliographical references that provides a summary and an evaluation of each source. Each summary must be (a) concise; (b) provide a summary of the central idea of the source in question; (c) provide a personal evaluation of the source. You must use your own words when doing this assignment.

Your task is to:

1) Decide which sociolinguistics topic you would like to research. You can expand on any topics on our syllabus (i.e., language ideologies, Chicano English, slang terms, gender and sexuality, etc). You can also decide to research a different topic as long as it is related to sociolinguistics;

2) Get your TA's approval on the topic you want to research BEFORE submitting your essay;

3) Research at least FOUR scholarly sources within the subfield that interests you the most. At least THREE sources must be ‘fresh’ – that is, they cannot be on our current LING1000 reading list! You must research those sources independently – i.e., we (instructor and TA's) cannot help you neither with suggestions nor with strategies on how to locate a given source. Please keep in mind that the references you end up choosing must be related to each other. For example, it might be the case that all of the references you chose discuss the same concept, or maybe they all investigate the same geographical area or social group;

4) Once you have located all the four sources you want to use, compose a well-written summary and evaluation of each source using your own words. Each summary should contain approximately 300 words;

5) After you have annotated all the selected four references, please compose an introductory text of approximately 500 words. In this text, you need to tell us which subfield of sociolinguistics you chose, why this subfield is relevant, why you selected the references you did and not others, and how your references relate to each other;
6) Make consistent use of APA citation style throughout your essay;
7) Your final essay (introduction + annotations) will be approximately 1700 words long plus references;
8) Please make sure you consult the ‘Short Essay #2 Rubric’ when composing your essay.