Poster Session Project

About Poster Sessions:
A poster session is a common form of scholarly communication at professional conferences. The researcher presents their research results in a visual display on a poster board. A poster session usually consists of a brief narrative paper, intermixed with tables, graphics, photos, and other visual aids. The researcher stands by their poster display at the assigned time slot while other conference participants can come, view the presentation, and interact with the author.

The Project:
Create a poster session on a topic of your choice, in addition to a 1500-word paper that includes a stylistically correct bibliography (or an annotated bibliography, depending on the faculty member’s preference).

What you need to do:
1) Consult with your professor on a possible research topic;
2) Find at least three books and at least five journal articles on the topic;
3) Write a 1500-word paper with a stylistically correct bibliography (or an annotated bibliography) to report your findings (see separate instruction on the specific requirements for the paper or annotated bibliography);
4) Present your findings in a poster session to your class. The poster should include:
   • Your name and the title of your paper
   • At least 5 of the main points of your research. Your main points may be accompanied by tables, graphics & photos. The presentation should be clear and easy for the reader to follow.
   • A conclusion - a summation of main ideas as well as an indication of new interpretations or possible future research directions on the topic.
   • A brief abstract (summary) of your research. The abstract should not attempt to explain in detail the content of your paper. It should just highlight some main points in the meaning and organization of the paper including the purpose of the paper, an outline of the organization of the paper, 1-2 major conclusions and some idea of significance of the work.
   • At least 5 main points of your research. includes an introduction that gives some background of the subject, a series of well developed research results, accompanied by references. (Key references only. You should include the comprehensive list of all your references in your paper’s bibliography.)

For more ideas on creating an effective poster session, go to the following websites (or google “poster session”):
http://www.lcsd.edu/ss150/poster.htm
http://www.kumc.edu/SAH/OTEd/kradel/effective.html