**Sample Annotated Bibliography**

**Thesis:**

**Three causes which one could point to as highly likely catalysts for the rise and significant expansion of the temperance movement include: the destabilization of American society resulting from absurdly high levels of alcohol consumption, the mass advent of women into reform movements following the religious revival period known popularly as the Second Great Awakening, and finally, the incompatibility of traditional habits of alcohol consumption with new economic, industrial, and labor conditions.**

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**Bibliographic Entry + Summary of Source + Relevance to Argument**

**Examples:**

**Cott, Nancy F. *The Bonds of Womanhood: “Woman’s Sphere” in New England, 1780-1835*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1977.**

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