This assignment is to compare your practicum experience with existing scholarship on the subject of your practicum.

Your task is to identify and describe four (4) separate published items related to the subject of your practicum, and give bibliographic references and a brief description of each. You will write this up as a webpage (a template can be found at [http://www.geol.umd.edu/sgc/resources/annotbibl.html](http://www.geol.umd.edu/sgc/resources/annotbibl.html)), upload it to your website, and link it to your main SGC webpage. While constructing your bibliography, keep in mind the SGC rules on bibliographic references and style ([http://www.geol.umd.edu/sgc/resources/biblio.html](http://www.geol.umd.edu/sgc/resources/biblio.html)).

The Assignment:
Find at least four (4) separate references related to the subject of your practicum. Examples include (but are by no means limited to):

- Peer-reviewed articles on earlier phases of a laboratory experiment for which you are now an assistant
- A news report of the successful application of a medical procedure of the sort conducted by the physician you shadowed
- A popular magazine’s article (in print or online) about a new discovery in the field of science for which you were mentoring students
- And so forth

At least one (1) of these references **MUST** be a peer-reviewed technical research article from a journal. The other three might be as well, or they might be:

- Press-releases by a society, university, or company
- News articles from the scientific or mainstream press
- A book in the field, popular or technical
- A government, corporate, or non-profit report
- Or other generally-accepted published primary or secondary literature piece.

Unacceptable as references (although sometimes mighty useful in tracing down acceptable sources!) are:

- Wikipedia or other encyclopedia articles
- Blogs
- Commercials or other advertisement

For every bibliographic item, list:
• The bibliographic reference, following the SGC bibliographic style
  (http://www.geol.umd.edu/sgc/resources/biblio.html).
• If possible, a hotlink to the article in question (obviously a difficulty for a book…)
• An annotation by you. This should be a short (2-6 sentence) description by you which:
  o Summarizes the main aspects and conclusions of the item in your own words
  o Describes how the item referenced relates to the topic of your practicum

This website must be up online by the end of the semester (May 10). However, there isn’t anything to prevent you from doing this well in advance (hint, hint…)