EasyBib for Instructors

Are you frustrated by:

1. **Having to spend so much class time on the mechanics and details of MLA, APA, or Chicago citation styles?**
   - EasyBib does a good job of creating neat and consistent citations.
   - You can spend more class time focusing on when to cite than on periods and commas.
   - There are lots of tutorials and pop-up hints to help students get their information entered correctly.
   - It still puts the clean-up responsibility on them, which can be a good thing!

2. **Not being able to monitor students’ research projects?**
   - EasyBib allows students to share Bibliographies and Notes & Outlines. You can require them to share these with you and your instruction librarian so you can check on their progress at any time.
   - You can require them to keep source notes or formal annotations in the Annotations field of each resource in the Bibliography. These annotations will appear when students go to copy or print their Bibliography. You can use this to monitor their progress of actually reading the sources they have collected.

3. **The inability to comment on the appropriateness of their sources before they turn in a bibliography of websites?**
   - You can comment on Bibliographies and Notes & Outlines as the student’s research progresses in between the research “check-points” you have assigned.

4. **Lack of organization in student research, either individually or as groups?**
   - The Notes & Outlines feature makes it easy to attribute a piece of information to any source in the Bibliography.
   - Users can create multiple Notes for each information source.
   - Notes can be used to create an Outline, and then printed in Outline-format to aid in writing the paper.
   - There is even a place above the Outline to write a Thesis statement.
   - Students working on group research paper can share fully-functional bibliographies to keep their collective sources in one place, and can comment on each other’s sources. The Notes & Outline feature allows group members to view and comment on Notes, though cannot yet fully collaborate.

5. **Students’ inability to distinguish between paraphrasing and quoting?**
   - Each new Note gives students a place to add text for quotes, paraphrases, and their own comments. This encourages them to think about the information they are entering at the note-taking stage.

EasyBib can help with all of these!