

Annotated Bibliography Assignment

To prepare you for writing the larger report for this class, you'll need to do some research. One of the more useful tools in conducting research is the annotated bibliography. For this assignment, you will construct an annotated bibliography based upon your statement of research. What you learn while writing the annotated bibliography will be applied in the writing of your literature review due in Week 10. The annotated bib is due by 10/21 at midnight and is uploaded in the Assignment area of Blackboard.

Purpose: An annotated bibliography is an organizing tool that is helpful when working on a research project. An effective annotated bibliography is used to compile research sources in one location and provide the researcher with quick access to the information contained in each source.

Audience: This assignment should be directed at your scholarly peers (in this case, think of your classmates as your audience but don't assume they know the same information as you do).

Content/Subject: Your annotated bibliography will consist of at least 7 and not more than 10 sources that you have deemed relevant to your topic and/or question(s) of inquiry. While you may encounter sources that are not relevant or do not fit the scope of your project while researching, for the purposes of this assignment, you will only include the ones that you find useful and relevant.

1. Cite the source in proper APA format. The citations should be organized in alphabetical order by author just as in an APA References page.
2. Follow with a brief annotation that summarizes the source (approx. 3-5 sentences). The summary should be in your own words and should not be verbatim from the abstract of the document.
3. 2-3 sentences that explain the significance of the work and
4. 2-3 sentences that critique/analyze the source in relationship to your topic

In total, your annotation should be, at the very least, 7-10 sentences but ideally, 10-12.

Constraints: The annotated bibliography is a fairly rigid genre. Your citations must adhere to APA format. This will be one of the central components of the grade for this assignment. Failure to follow APA format exactly will harm your grade.

The annotations for each source should follow an academic style. This means that you must construct, with elevated and sophisticated language, correct grammatical sentences that effectively summarize what each source has to say. Additionally, you should explain how each source is relevant to the issue that you have selected and what it adds to your knowledge about your issue.