Annotated Bibliography Instructions

Choose a topic for your 1,500 word Argumentative Essay with Sources. Compile a bibliography of five (5) or more carefully annotated items. You will be using these sources to write the paper. This assignment is designed to sharpen your research and evaluation skills. You may only use one credible website. The rest of your sources must be scholarly and may come from the Coastline Library or Google Scholar. For each item, read the questions below and write an annotation explaining the resource and how it will help you as you develop your argument.

Questions to use as you compose the annotation for each item in your bibliography:

- How/Where did you find the book/article and why did you select it?
- What is the main thesis of the book/article? Summarize its conclusions in a couple of sentences.
- Who is the author? Has s/he written other articles or books?
- Does the article or book include a substantial bibliography? If so, did the bibliography lead you to additional discoveries? Give an example.
- For journal articles: What kind of journal is the article published in? Popular or scholarly (peer-reviewed)?
- For books: You might want to find a book review (if available). Cite the review along with the book [e.g., "Reviewed in Theological Studies 67. 2 (June 2006): 411-14."]. How did the review help you assess the book?
- Did the book/article help you in trying to narrow the focus of your research? If so, how?
- Did the book/article assume a substantial knowledge of the field or topic's background, or did it summarize this for the reader?
- Is the book/article exclusively about your topic or were only parts of it relevant for you? (Were other passages helpful or educational anyway?)
- What is the scope of the book/article? Does it present a broad overview? Does it zero in on a very specific topic?
- If you included an older book/article (e.g., from the 1970s or earlier): why did you select it? Was it the only one available? Was it cited (critiqued, praised) in more recent publications?

Cite your sources according to the guidelines of MLA. Here is a link to the [Diana Hacker site](https://diannahacker.com), which has a brief explanation of citing reference sources.

Here Is What Your Bibliography Should Include:

In addition to the MLA Works Cited citation, your bibliography should be a short paragraph that summarizes the main points of the source. In addition, your paragraph should briefly explain why this source is important to your research question or why it will not work.

Here are some points to remember:

**Structure**: Each annotation should be a short 75-100 word paragraph.
Point of view: You should use the third person point of view.

Format: You should use complete sentences to craft your paragraphs. The entries should be arranged alphabetically.

Quantity: You should include a minimum of five credible sources.

Here Is an Example of What Each Entry Should Look Like:


Nobus examines the effects of absent fathers upon children ages five through seventeen. In his examination, he considers how fatherlessness at different ages creates differing issues with behavior. In young children, having an absent father tends to make the child fearful of further abandonment, which leads to general mistrust. For older children, having an absent father often produces feelings of guilt, as if the child were responsible for his or her circumstances. Both types of fatherlessness produce psychological damage that needs to be address clinically. This article would add much to the research question in terms of the effects of absent fathers and will most likely be used as a source in the final essay.

Examples of What Your Bibliography Should Not Look Like:


- I use this book to get the basic information about arthritis, it was very informative.


- I got all the facts about exercising with arthritis and the different types of exercise.
Examples courtesy of Roger Williams University Library website at
http://library.rwu.edu/howdoi/annotatedbib.php

Your text has instructions for constructing an Annotated Bibliography on pps. 607-608; however, I would like you to write more than a sentence. Please refer to the explanation above.

Use the MLA list of works-cited entries located on p. 645.

Save and name your file annbib_yourlastname.

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