

Annotated Bibliography Assignment Due by 11:59 PM via BB- Saturday, 4/30/16 **50 PTS**

Introduction

A **Bibliography/Reference List** is an alphabetically arranged list of titles, authors' names, and publication dates for a set of books, articles, and other sources.

An **Annotated Bibliography** furnishes critical and explanatory notes in addition to the bibliographical listings; in other words, an annotated bibliography is simply a bibliography that contains a commentary and summary of each reference used. You will use this information to help you explore sources that you may use in your final project or to prepare you for other research opportunities.

Assignment

You will write **10 Annotated Bibliographies (AB)** on articles found in scholarly sources for a research topic within the Humanities/Social Sciences/Interdisciplinary field.

- You must write a **50-75 word introduction for each AB** where you explain your approach to locating and choosing your sources and how the source chosen relates to your interests.
- Your **AB** entries must follow *APA formatting guidelines* and must be listed alphabetically by author or title.
- Each **AB** should be **150 to 200-words (5-7 sentences long)** and should do the following:
 - Position the Text
 - Summarize the Text
 - Evaluate the Text as a Source/Resource

As you prepare your annotations, think about the following:

- **Positioning the text:** Who is the author and/or publisher (or the producer of the website)? What do you know about this person or organization? What are the author's biases? Whose interests does the article or website represent? To what audience is it directed? Is the information current or too old to be useful?
- **Summarizing the text:** What are the main ideas? What is the author's point? What conclusions does the author come to?
- **Evaluating the text as a source/resource:** What did you learn from the article? Did the article/source alter your viewpoint? Do you agree or disagree with the author's claims? How will it be useful in your project? What did you like/dislike about the article?

Due Date

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Useful Sources & Readings

- Houghton, P. (2009) *APA the easy way: A quick and simplified guide to the APA Writing Style* (2nd ed.) (ISBN: 978-0-92356-8962)

- These Links:
 - Intro to APA formatting: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>
 - Reference List, electronic sources: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/10/>
 - Sample APA Annotated Bibliography: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/03/>

Guidelines and Tips

- Sources must have been published in the last 10 years--meaning that the oldest source must be from 2006. **(If you find a source that you really want to use and it's older than 10 years—run it by Professor Berry beforehand)**

- If you can make a persuasive argument that all sources need not be academic, you may cite at least 1 non-academic source. Examples of “non-academic sources”: albums, magazines, television episodes, YouTube videos, interviews, etc. **(If you're interested in citing at least 1 of these, talk to Professor Berry)**

- Remember that you are the author of each **AB**. So, **the voice of the text should be singular** (for example, you should use 'I' if you plan to write in the first person).

- Make sure that you edit and proofread your **AB** for consistency and correctness. Formatting errors can add up quickly!

Start on this Early!
Manage your Time Accordingly!
Let me Know if you Have Questions! ☺