**ASRC 1900/LSP 1101**

**Annotated Bibliography Assignment**

**WHAT IS AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY?**

An annotated bibliography is a list of citations to encyclopedia articles, books and journal articles. Each citation is followed by a brief (usually about 150 words) descriptive and evaluative paragraph, the annotation. The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited.

**THE PROCESS**

Creating an annotated bibliography calls for the application of a variety of intellectual skills: concise exposition, succinct analysis, and informed library research.

First, locate and record citations to encyclopedia articles, books and journal articles that may contain useful information and ideas on your topic. Briefly examine and review the actual items. Then choose those works that provide a variety of perspectives on your topic.

Cite the book, article, or document using the MLA citation style.

Write a concise annotation that summarizes the central theme and scope of the book or article. Include one or more sentences that (a) evaluate the authority or background of the author, (b) comment on the intended audience, (c) compare or contrast this work with another you have cited, or (d) explain how this work illuminates your bibliography topic.

**REQUIREMENTS**

Your annotated bibliography must include citations and annotations for 2 background sources (subject encyclopedia articles), 2 books and 2 scholarly journal articles 2 newspaper articles and 2 magazine articles for a total of 10 sources. One book and one article must come from the bibliography of one of your other sources and you should note which source it is from in your annotation. If you would like to include an archival source you can substitute one for one of the articles. You must follow the MLA format and all citations must be complete and formatted correctly. Email Word file to [ajc5@cornell.edu](mailto:ajc5@cornell.edu) and [tjo65@cornell.edu](mailto:tjo65@cornell.edu) before class. Include your NetId in the file name.

**DUE DATES**

**1** encyclopedia articles due in class on **July 13 (bring print copy to class).**

1 books due in class on **July 20.**

1 journal articles (some articles must be from scholarly journals) due in class on **July 25.**

1 newspaper or magazine article due in class on **August 1.**

Your completed annotated bibliography is due in class on **August 8.**

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