

English 102 Annotated Bibliography Assignment:

An Annotated Bibliography for the Persuasive Research Essay

You will spend the several weeks working on writing assignment 2, The Persuasive Research Essay. You will work on this large research essay in three segments: compiling research into an annotated bibliography, creating a detailed outline, writing and submitting the final draft of the essay.

For this assignment, you'll complete the first of three segments of this large research essay, researching and compiling an annotated bibliography. But before you get started on this, you'll need to read writing assignment 2, The Persuasive Research Essay and pick a topic. The topic you pick must be related to your field of study/your degree choice, so see the writing assignment 2 page for more description on picking a topic.

Once you've picked a topic, begin researching and creating an annotated bibliography, which lists **five annotated sources** that you'll use for The Persuasive Research Essay (writing assignment 2).

When searching for sources to use, make sure you assess them for credibility and ensure that you're using sources with valid, relevant information. Try the Library databases, Google Scholar, Wolframalpha and various online news sites (*CNN*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *USA Today*, etc.) to ensure credibility of the sources you find.

As you compile your annotated bibliography, make sure you read chapters 9 and 10 of your textbook and access these two resources:

<http://olinuris.library.cornell.edu/ref/research/skill28.htm>

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/>

Each of your five sources should be listed in APA format as you'd find them on a references page. Under each source, should be the annotation, which should be at minimum five sentences long, but the annotation can be as long as two paragraphs for each source listed.

Here is an example of what one annotated source looks like. This is just an example of one source, you'll actually need to cite and write up annotations for all five sources you find.

Example:

Bell-Scott, P. (Ed.). (1994). *Life notes: Personal writings by contemporary black women*. New York, NY: W.W. Norton and Company.

This book is a collection of famous and non-famous African American women writers' diary entries. The editor has provided short passages and commentary for the reader about each diarist. The book as a whole discusses hardships of African American women's lives and how it feels to be in a society that is not yet completely accepting of race. The writers are women of all ages and locations, and this interested me the most about this book because I am studying the universality of journal and diary writing and how it alone is not exclusive but very inclusive. I also began pondering the idea of race and audience with this book because unlike other articles or books I read, this book dealt exclusively with women of color and women of poverty. This book was helpful in that it showed that diary voices do carve a place in society and speak a language all their own.

A Few Specifics:

- **5 annotated sources** relevant to your persuasive research essay topic (writing assignment 2), listed in APA format
- 12 pt. academic font
- 1" margins, typed, double-spaced
- APA Documentation style, including title page, headers, page numbers, references page, etc.