HHS4U/C Summative Project Part 2

Task: You will write an annotated bibliography for at least 3 sources that are relevant to your research topic.

What is an annotated bibliography?

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A citation is... __________________________________________

For this course, we are using __________-style.

The three purposes of an annotation are to inform the reader of...

1. __________________________________________
2. __________________________________________
3. __________________________________________

The 4 steps to writing an annotation are:

1. __________________________________________
2. __________________________________________
3. __________________________________________
4. __________________________________________
   a. __________________________________________
   b. __________________________________________

You will submit a minimum of THREE (3) annotations relevant to your research topic from at least TWO (2) different sources (e.g. book, journal, internet, magazine, etc.).

After completing your research, write an introductory paragraph to detail your research project. By now, you must have a clear, concise hypothesis (e.g. The size of an individual’s social network is related to participation in volunteer activities).
What to include in an annotation of an academic source

An annotation of an academic source should briefly restate the main argument (thesis), the methods of investigation, and main conclusions of the source. It should also describe the author’s point of view, clarity of expression, and authority. Include one or more sentences that:

1. Identify the main points and purpose of the work.
2. Note the qualifications of the author. What are the author’s credentials (institutional affiliation, educational background, past writings, or experience)? Is the book/article written on a topic in the author’s area of expertise?
3. Comment on the value and usefulness of the work in terms of the topic that is being researched and your own research project. Is the source current or historical?
4. Describe the writing style. Is the publication organized logically? Are the main points clearly presented? Do you find the text easy to read? Is the author’s argument repetitive?
5. State the point of view or perspective from which the work was written. Is the information based on fact, opinion, or propaganda? Does the information appear to be valid and well-researched, or is it questionable and unsupported by evidence?
6. Compare or contrast this work with another you have cited.

The first four elements above are usually a necessary part of the annotation. Points 5 and 6 involve a little more analysis of the source and you may want to include them in your annotation depending on the instructions you receive from your instructors.

Example of an annotated bibliography entry according to APA format
(http://library.concordia.ca/help/howto/annotatedbibliog.php)


This magazine article looks at the use of Ritalin in Canada. Specifically, it covers the drug’s side effects, why there is so much debate surrounding its use and how teachers have come to rely on it to control problem students. The article is based on information taken from interviews, statistics and studies that were conducted. Overall, it is well written and well researched.


The authors, researchers at the Rand Corporation and Brown University, use data from the National Longitudinal Surveys of Young Women and Young Men to test their hypothesis that nonfamily living by young adults alters their attitudes, values, plans, and expectations, moving them away from their belief in traditional sex roles. They find their hypothesis strongly supported in young females, while the effects were fewer in studies of young males. Increasing the time away from parents before marrying increased individualism, self-sufficiency, and changes in attitudes about families. In contrast, an earlier study by Williams cited below shows no significant gender differences in sex role attitudes as a result of no family living.