

Annotated Bibliography Assignment (Group)

Definition

Annotated bibliographies provide brief overviews or summaries of articles related to a specific topic. Often they are compiled in order to demonstrate what sources are available on a topic a scholar is considering studying.



The Purdue OWL discusses annotated bibliographies here:

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/general/gl_annotatedbib.html

You can see a sample annotated bibliography in MLA format here:

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/general/gl_annotatedbibEX.html

For this assignment, you will find, read, and create annotations for relevant articles related to a problem or concern that you have identified on Purdue's campus. Later, you will individually synthesize some of these sources into an *Explanatory Report*. Then you will combine this archival research with field research to develop a research-based *Proposal* to address the problem you identified. Therefore it is important to select a topic that interests you and that you believe is a genuine concern for the Purdue Community.

In the past, students have addressed campus topics such as:

- Limited parking
- Recycling options
- Limited hours at campus dining halls
- Security at residence halls

Creating the Annotated Bibliography

You will work both individually and in your group to create your annotated bibliography.

- I. To begin, you will individually identify a problem at Purdue that could be addressed through a research-based proposal. You will write a brief "pitch" for your group about the problem you have identified.
- II. You will meet in your group and determine which problem your group will address.
- III. After your group has selected a topic, you will individually make a list of four relevant sources with annotations.
 - A. Sources should contain full bibliographic information in MLA format.
 - B. Annotations should be approximately one paragraph. Each annotation should provide a brief summary of the key points of the source.
- IV. You will again meet with your group to form a complete annotated bibliography of ten sources. To make this document, Group members will explain the validity of their sources to their teammates. The group will choose two sources from each person's list of four to include in the group annotated bibliography.

A rough draft of your *Annotated Bibliography* is due via email by **April 1**. Your final draft is due with your *Explanatory Report* on **April 11**. I encourage you to visit the Writing Lab (Heavilon 226, 494-3723, <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/writinglab/>) to obtain assistance with any part of the writing process.