

## **Annotated Bibliography**

**Purpose:** The purpose of an annotated bibliography (or AnnoBib) is to explore an issue or topic by compiling a list of credible sources (primarily from scholarly and trade publications) dealing with that topic.

Your goal here is not to scrutinize each source in depth to uncover and report the intricacies and subtleties of each text, as in the Topic Analysis, but rather to skim each source carefully, then briefly (but accurately) summarize and fairly evaluate it within the context of your research question.

**Task:** The AnnoBib must contain a minimum of ten (10) significant, credible, nonfiction sources, of which seven (7) must be scholarly sources found using our library's resources (the catalog or databases). You may have as many total sources as you like in your AnnoBib, though.

When creating your AnnoBib, make sure to evaluate the following:

- the quality of the sources (for instance, articles from *The American Journal of Economics* or *The Journal of Popular Culture* offer more developed and qualified research than do articles from *Business Week* or *Entertainment Weekly*, respectively)
- the quality of your summaries and evaluations
- the relevance of the articles to your research question
- the number of sources it contains

**Audience:** Working professionals in the field.

Week 1: Annotated Bibliography assigned. Locate sources.

Week 2: Discussion of summarizing strategies. Reading and summarizing.

Week 3: Conferences and Peer Review.

Week 4: Project due to instructor.