

Annotated Bibliography

Inquiry-based learning is considered to be one of the most effective ways to gain knowledge. It all starts with a question that you want to know the answer to. This question can be quite practical: What is the best way to lose weight? Or your question can have broader implications: Why do colleges continue to require the SAT? Essentially, you need to craft a question that fulfills three criteria:

1. The question or topic is compelling to you
2. The question is open-ended (has more than one potential answer and goes beyond “yes” or “no”)
3. The question is researchable

After you have determined your question, you will commence research on that topic to answer the question. You will then formulate an Annotated Bibliography in which you summarize, assess, and reflect upon each source you decide to use.

Annotated Bibliography Requirements:

- MLA formatting
- 6+ sources
 - 2+ must be scholarly articles and/or books from a database
- Citations and annotation paragraphs for each source
 - Summarize the source
 - Assess the source’s value and credibility
 - Reflect on how the source is helpful to you

You will be expected to revise and edit your Annotated Bibliography in order to achieve proficiency on multiple writing and language standards. Your ability to use feedback to refine your Annotated Bibliography will be assessed.

This assessment is **due Friday, November 22nd**. You will be responsible for turning in the following things:

- Rough draft hard copy printed in class on Tuesday, November 12th (also to be submitted with final)
- Final draft submitted to Turnitin.com on Friday, November 22nd by 11:59 pm

Once your Annotated Bibliography is complete, you will commence work on a Research Essay using the sources you summarized, assessed, and reflected on for your Annotated Bibliography, so you really want to make sure that they are the perfect ones for you to use.