

CULT320- Research Proposal Project
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Part 2: Annotated Bibliography

Due: Thursday, 3/19 at the beginning of class

Points: 150

Length: 4-5 pages

Conducting quality research:

Having already done preliminary research on your object will be to your advantage here, as you will be annotating SIX different articles from academic, peer-reviewed journals. Logically, because the articles should serve to answer your research question, pulling the first six articles you find will be unlikely to serve you. The majority of the work here is in researching and reading to find the best articles to answer your question. Writing the annotations should take place in the end after you have selected good sources and have read them thoroughly to understand the authors' arguments and claims.

For this assignment, you must select SIX different works by SIX different authors. The best bibliographies that produce the most complete, multifaceted scholarship include a range of methodological and theoretical approaches, so you will want to look at a variety of journals instead of sticking to a single publication or disciplinary field. If you are unsure if you have chosen appropriate sources, please check with me. Additionally, the library staff is available to assist you with using the appropriate databases and search criteria to obtain relevant materials.

Prepare your document to include the following:

1. **Literature Review:** Write a brief paragraph collectively summarizing the six articles you will annotate. This is not a full summary of each, but should emphasize major themes, concerns, and interconnections between the articles you have chosen.
2. **Reformulated Research Question:** Your literature review should provide a foundation for the current scholarship on your object and the questions others' have asked about it. Reformulate and rewrite your one sentence research question. You may feel that your question only requires minor fine-tuning to refine the focus of your project or you may feel that there is a better question to ask of your object based on the current scholarship. This step is to help you see the way your scholarship can and will evolve as you expand your knowledge of a topic.
3. **Annotated Bibliography:** Your annotated bibliography must include a separate annotation for each of your SIX different sources. First include a correctly formatted bibliographical citation (like you would do on a works cited page) and then provide a one-paragraph annotation on the article. You should include a brief summary of the article's main points and arguments (3-4 sentences) and assessment of why this source is useful to answering your question (1-2 sentences).

For more information on writing an annotated bibliography, see the Purdue Online Writing Lab:
<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/>

Please adhere to the format requirements for all assignments for this course as follows:

- Assignments should be double-spaced, in 12 pt. Times New Roman font.
- Use 1-inch margins all around.
- Pages should be double-sided and/or stapled. No paperclips, tape, rip-folds, folders, etc.
- Be certain to check for spelling mistakes and typos before turning in the assignment.

LATE OR EMAILED ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.