

# Annotated Bibliography

An annotated bibliography can be an assignment in itself, or it can be part of a larger project. Its goal is to offer an overview and, in certain cases, a critical evaluation of the literature on a given topic. It addresses a certain number of sources linked to a research question, starting with their bibliographic entry and followed by either a descriptive paragraph presenting their content and particularities, or a critical paragraph presenting their strengths and weaknesses, and showing their relevance to the research question.

This resource is not exhaustive and does not replace the writing instructions given in class. In case of any doubt, consult the professor before structuring your paper as it is indicated here.

## Introduction

Do not include an introduction unless the instructions specify otherwise.

## Body

**Source:** Arrange the bibliographic entries alphabetically according to the author's surnames. If necessary, use headings to sort the sources by topic, by keyword, or according to any other relevant factor.

**Summary:** Insert the summaries under the corresponding bibliographic entry.

- Do active reading. Start by reading the abstract and the headings in order to identify the author's thesis and the source's main ideas. Then, read the source from start to finish and highlight the key terms.
- Make a reverse outline. Extract the main idea from each paragraph, section or chapter for a clear overview of the source's content and structure.
- Evaluate the source. Establish its strengths and weaknesses by considering the methodology, the results and conclusions, the theoretical approach, etc.
- Summarize the source. Include the information that is directly related to your research question and eliminate details of lesser importance. Show how the source is connected to your research project.

## Conclusion

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