

Annotated Bibliography Guide to Finding and Evaluating Resources

The following is a guide to help you find and evaluate resources for your annotated bibliography project. You will need to construct searches in the specified databases or other specified resources to find 1 book, 2 peer-reviewed/scholarly articles, and 1 website that would be relevant if you were having to write an actual term paper on the topic you have chosen.

Book Resources (1)

1. Search in LIBROS to find books on your topic.
2. Once you have found possible books, you will need to evaluate them to see if they are relevant to the topic you have chosen by:
 - Examining the table of contents and indexes to make sure that the book contains relevant information on your topic.
 - Skimming appropriate chapters/sections to determine the extent of the book's relevance to your topic.
3. Once you have found 1 appropriate book, cite the books in correct MLA format.
4. Examine/read the book in more detail, and write an annotation for it according to the criteria outlined by your instructor.

Periodical Articles (2)

1. Search in Academic Search Premier and/or Expanded Academic ASAP to find relevant articles on your topic. You will need to limit your searches to "Peer-Reviewed/Scholarly" articles for this project.
2. Once you have found articles, you will need to evaluate them to see if they are relevant to the topic you have chosen by:
 - Reading the abstract for each article (if one exists).
 - Skimming each article to determine the extent of relevance to your topic.
3. Once you have decided on two relevant articles, print them out and cite the articles in correct MLA format.
4. Examine/read the articles in more detail and write an annotation for each according to the criteria outlined by your instructor.

Websites (1)

1. Search in Yahoo (see attached guide for searching Yahoo) or another web search engine that you are familiar with to find websites appropriate to your topic, and then evaluate them.

Remember: websites must be evaluated for **authoritativeness** and **reliability** in addition to **relevance**.

2. Once you have found 1 website that passes all of the evaluation criteria, cite them in correct MLA format.

3. Examine/read the information in the website in more detail and write an annotation for it according to the criteria outlined by your instructor.