

Outline and Annotated Bibliography

The outline and annotated bibliography represent the part of the research process that you will use to complete your Research Paper.

The outline of your research paper will include three parts: Introduction, Body, and Conclusion.

1. Introduction
 - a. Topic Statement
 - b. Thesis that ties in to your Topic Statement
 - c. Preview of your main points
2. Body Section 1

This Section should identify what we know about the topic and what we do not know about it.
3. Body Section 2

The subsequent Body Sections should frame your argument for what needs to be done about your topic. This should be informed by your analysis of what we do and do not know in Section 1.

For each Body Section there should be a title instead of the words ‘Body Section 1’ that describes the Section. Under each title use the a. b. c. etc. format to give more detail on what supporting information you will use in that Section of your paper.
4. Body Section 3
5. Body Section etc...

Use as many Body Sections as you need.
6. Conclusion
 - a. Summarize your main points
 - b. Restate you thesis using different words than in the Introduction.
 - c. Your recommendations for the future of your topic

Excellent 90-100	A clear thesis is evident in the Introduction, followed by supporting Sections that reveal complexity, and a unique Conclusion including suggestions for the future.
Very Good 80-89	A thesis is evident in the Introduction, followed by supporting Sections that reveal complexity, and a clear Conclusion including suggestions for the future.
Good 70-79	A thesis is evident in the Introduction, followed by supporting Sections, and a Conclusion including suggestions for the future.
Below Expectations 60-69	The thesis is vague in the Introduction, supporting Sections do not represent a complete review of the topic, and the Conclusion has few recommendations for the future.

The annotated bibliography must include 8-12 sources. Encyclopedic sources can be a good way to begin your research, but they should not appear in your annotated bibliography. Print materials, newspaper or magazine articles, and reputable websites are all acceptable sources. In addition to these media sources you also must include scholarly journal articles.

Each entry of your annotated bibliography will include two things:

I) A list of sources as described in APA format. Guidelines for APA citation can be found at <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/05/>. The menu bar on the left of the webpage has a number of options. The ones that will be useful to you all begin with 'Reference List'. Examples of how to cite multiple authors and various kinds of sources can be found in these 'Reference List' options.

II) Below each source provide three or four sentences that provide:

- a concise summary of the source.
- an evaluation of the chosen sources explaining why it is valuable in relation to the topic of your paper.
- a comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the source.

Your annotated bibliography will be evaluated based on thoroughness, accuracy, attention to detail, and its utility with respect to the topic of your research paper.

Excellent 90-100	Sources are varied and thorough representing the complexity of the paper topic. Required diversity of materials is met or exceeded. Sources are appropriately cited and listed in the annotated bibliography.
Very Good 80-89	Sources are varied representing the required diversity of material. Sources are cited and listed in a bibliography.
Good 70-79	Sources represent a variety of perspectives. Sources are listed in a bibliography.
Below Expectations 60-69	Bibliography is limited.