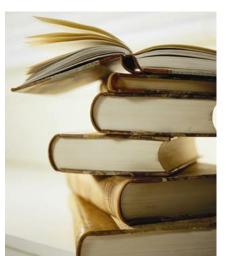
What's an Annotated Bibliography?



Creating an Annotated Bibliography... Let's get started

- Identify and gather a variety of sources aiming to include books, texts, print and electronic articles.
- TIP! Go to the class website and use the resources tab
- TIP! Go to the class website and click on the new link for the FFSS Library website – then go to the Reference Desk tab for links to research databases
- Read or at least skim each source and make some general notes.
- Make sure that you know how to cite sources for your bibliography correctly (using the APA style)

Format of the Annotaated Bibliography...

- Each source is listed in correct form (APA).
- Sources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name.
- A summary note, written in paragraph form, follows each source. The summary note will include a summary, an evaluation and a connection to the thesis and or arguments you will be making in your paper. (See next slides for more details)

What to include in the Summary...

Summarize

- Include a sentence or two on the general topic or research question that the work addresses.
- Using the Verbs for Referring to Sources handout, describe the thesis and main arguments. Describe the topics covered.
- Describe the author's methodology. What kinds of sources did he or she use?
- Is it an essay, a news article, an opinion paper, a text and so on? How is the book or article organized? Who is the intended audience?

Evaluate

- What kind of authority does this person have regarding this topic? Is this a useful source? Is the information reliable?
- What do you think the author's motivation or purpose is? Is the source biased or objective?

Reflect

- Describe how the source is relevant to your topic
- Describe how it will fit in with your argument or research. How does it help you shape your argument? How can you use this source in your research project?
- Has the source changed how you think about your topic?