Annotated Bibliography Rubric

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Content	Your sources are interesting and they are all clearly related to your topic.	Your sources are interesting and most are clearly related to your topic.	Your sources cover your topic, but they are less interesting and the relationship to your project is less clear.	Some of your sources cover your topic, but the sources are uninspiring and their relationship to your project is unclear.	Few, if any, of your sources are related to your topic. You seem to have no real interest in your project.	You have not read enough to determine if your sources are related or not.
Currency	Your sources are all published within the correct timeframe for your topic.	Most, but not all, of your sources are published within the correct timeframe for your topic.	About half of your sources are published within the correct timeframe for your topic.	Some of your sources are published within the correct timeframe for your topic.	Few of your sources are published within the correct timeframe for your topic.	You pay no attention at all to the timeframe of your project topic.
Level	You select a variety of research sources and they are all written at the appropriate level for this project's purpose.	You select a variety of research sources and most are written at the appropriate level for this project's purpose.	The sources you select are less varied, but most are written at the appropriate level for this project's purpose.	You select mostly one source type (i.e., Internet sites, books, etc.) and few are written at the appropriate level for this project's purpose.	You select mostly one source type (i.e., Internet sites, books, etc.) and none are written at the appropriate level for this project's purpose.	You do your research at the last minute and it is obvious that you do not examine your sources to determine at what level they are written.
Authority	You can identify the author(s) of your sources and their credentials are relevant.	You can identify the author(s) for almost all of your sources and their credentials are relevant.	You can identify the author(s) for half of your sources and their credentials are relevant.	You can identify the author(s) of a few of your sources and their credentials are less relevant.	You don't really know much about most of the author(s) of your resources.	You make no attempt at identifying your authors or their credentials.
Summary	You clearly summarize the main idea of each of your sources and can make an explicit connection to your argument.	You clearly summarize the main idea of each of your sources and can make an explicit connection to your argument for most sources.	You clearly summarize the main idea of each of your sources, but their connection to your argument is less apparent.	You try to summarize your sources, but are less clear about their main idea. You have difficulty identifying a distinct connection to your argument.	You try to summarize your sources, but have trouble focusing on the main idea. You make no attempt to connect your sources to your argument.	You plagiarize or make no attempt to summarize your sources clearly. There is no connection between your sources and your argument.
Conventions	You correctly cite at least ten sources using a citation style described in class.	You correctly cite at least eight sources using a citation style described in class and there are a few errors.	You cite at least eight sources and try to use a citation style described in class, but have some difficulty.	You cite at least five sources using a citation style other than one described in class.	You cite fewer than five sources using your own citation style and manage to be fairly consistent.	You cite fewer than five sources and did not bother to use a consistent citation style.
300 Possible	**X 10**	**X 10**	**X 10**	**X 10**	**X 10**	**Total =**

Annotated Bibliography: Description

An annotated bibliography is a list of sources and a description of those sources. The sources are listed as citations – author, title, year published etc. – and the collection of citations is called a bibliography. The descriptions are called annotations; they are usually brief – about 150 words – and must include an evaluation of the source.

You must create an annotated bibliography using at least ten sources documented in a citation style which will be covered in class. Questions regarding this assignment may be addressed to your instructor, the librarians, or the staff of the Learning Center.

Additional information is available online at:
• http://www4.cord.edu/library/mflaspoh/Discourse/annotated_bibliography.htm
• http://www.library.cornell.edu/okuref/research/skill28.htm