

WRIT 303
Prof. Inayatulla

Annotated Bibliography

Research Question:

Identify a question you have that relates to our course theme: Justice in Our Work Life. (Use your last DB to help you formulate a question that's relevant to your own current/future/dream profession.) You will use this question to guide your library research.

Be sure this question is one that captures your interest and can be explored in detail. Circle keywords from your question that can be used to search library databases for sources.

~Assignment Guidelines~

PROJECT ABSTRACT

In ONE paragraph, describe what you would like to write about for your Final Paper.

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

List and describe **FIVE peer-reviewed**, scholarly articles that you plan to use as research for your final project. You will need to find these sources through the library databases. Annotate **all five** articles by following these guidelines:

1) Your annotated bibliography should be listed in alphabetical order (of the author's last name), and each entry should begin with a complete citation using MLA/APA guidelines. **For all five entries, you'll need to write an annotation.**

2) The annotation appears directly under the citation and it consists of **two paragraphs (200-word minimum)** containing:

a) A brief **summary** of what this source is about written entirely in YOUR OWN words.

b) A **description** of why you think this source could be useful to your research paper. You should also comment on how this source is positioned in the larger field or discipline you are researching. Please ensure that your citations and annotations are **double-spaced** so I can make comments on your work (see example on page two).

*Please check out the Purdue OWL's information on annotated bibliographies:

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/common_writing_assignments/annotated_bibliographies/index.html

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Here is an example of an annotated bibliography entry in MLA style (from the Purdue OWL):

Lamott, Anne. *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life*. Anchor Books, 1995.

Lamott's book offers honest advice on the nature of a writing life, complete with its insecurities and failures. Taking a humorous approach to the realities of being a writer, the chapters in Lamott's book are wry and anecdotal and offer advice on everything from plot development to jealousy, from perfectionism to struggling with one's own internal critic.

In the process, Lamott includes writing exercises designed to be both productive and fun. Lamott offers sane advice for those struggling with the anxieties of writing, but her main project seems to be offering the reader a reality check regarding writing, publishing, and struggling with one's own imperfect humanity in the process. Rather than a practical handbook to producing and/or publishing, this text is indispensable because of its honest perspective, its down-to-earth humor, and its encouraging approach.

Chapters in this text could easily be included in the curriculum for a writing class. Several of the chapters in Part 1 address the writing process and would serve to generate discussion on students' own drafting and revising processes. Some of the writing exercises would also be appropriate for generating classroom writing exercises. Students should find Lamott's style both engaging and enjoyable.

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Here is an example of an annotated bibliography entry in APA style (from the Purdue OWL):

Ehrenreich, B. (2001). *Nickel and dimed: On (not) getting by in America*. Henry Holt and Company.

In this book of nonfiction based on the journalist's experiential research, Ehrenreich attempts to ascertain whether it is currently possible for an individual to live on a minimum-wage in America. Taking jobs as a waitress, a maid in a cleaning service, and a Walmart sales employee, the author summarizes and reflects on her work, her relationships with fellow workers, and her financial struggles in each situation.

An experienced journalist, Ehrenreich is aware of the limitations of her experiment and the ethical implications of her experiential research tactics and reflects on these issues in the text. The author is forthcoming about her methods and supplements her experiences with scholarly research on her places of employment, the economy, and the rising cost of living in America. Ehrenreich's project is timely, descriptive, and well-researched.

Deadline and Submission:

Your Annotated Bib is due on Tuesday, November 17th BEFORE 5:00PM.
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Post your Annotated Bib as an MS Word attachment in Assignments:

- Go to "Assignments"; Click on Annotated Bibliography
- Click "Browse My Computer" and choose your file (DO NOT click "Write Submission")
- "Submit"

***Your Annotated Bib is worth 10% of your final grade.**

There is no peer review or draft for this assignment, but if you have questions along the way, please contact Prof. Inayatulla, a librarian, or a classmate for help.

****Please save a copy of this assignment to help you later with the Final Paper.**