

Proposal and Annotated Bibliography

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Due Sunday by 11:59pm **Points** 100 **Submitting** a file upload

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The research paper **proposal and annotated bibliography** prepares you to complete the Global Citizens Project for the course. Essentially this assignment involves constructing a brief research proposal and conducting an initial search of the literature on your chosen problem. The problem you choose must relate to a global environmental issue.

You will **submit a document in MS Word or pdf format** (only). To get started, I recommend that you complete the following tasks:

- Review the "General Instructions for Preparing Written Assignments" section in the course [Syllabus](#)
- See Appendix D of your textbook (p. 377), particularly the sample Interdisciplinary Research Project on "Factory Farms in the United States" (pp. 379-380)
- Examine the table in Appendix D (pp. 381-382) for ideas on how to lay out the results of your literature search

Your proposal and annotated bibliography should contain the following elements:

Research Proposal: 3 paragraphs

- Introduce the problem or research question that is the subject of study and state the purpose or objective of the study
- Explain why the problem or research question requires using an interdisciplinary approach
- Identify the disciplines potentially relevant to the problem or research question, and then decide which are most relevant

Annotated Bibliography:

- Find five peer-reviewed research articles that address your problem from (at least) two different disciplinary perspectives
 - Click the "Library Resources" tab in Canvas, and choose "Research Guides" for a list of article databases for various disciplines. You may need to skim (or at least read the abstracts of) about 10 to 15 articles to find five that are most relevant to your problem. When you find a suitable number of articles on your topic, you'll want to give them a closer reading.
- For each of your five articles, identify: the discipline(s) consulted in the research, the full title of the article, author(s) name(s), the insight(s) you plan to use from the article, and an evaluation of the relative importance of the insight(s) to the overall problem

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: The table in Appendix D (pp. 381-382) is very fancy. Does my annotated bibliography need to follow this format?

A: No, not necessarily. As long as you have all of the elements listed above (discipline(s), title, author(s), etc.) in your annotated bibliography, you will be in good shape.

Q: Can I submit the assignment as a Google Doc, provide a link, or use another method than Canvas to submit this assignment?

A: No. Only Microsoft Word (".doc" or ".docx" files) or ".pdf" files are accepted for this assignment. The assignment must be submitted to Canvas, and will not be accepted via email or any other method.

Q: I would like someone to give me some writing advice. What should I do?

A: The University Writing Center (UWC) is a free resource for USF undergraduates and graduates. At the UWC, a trained writing consultant will work individually with students on anything they are writing (in or out of class), at any point in the writing process from brainstorming to editing. Appointments are recommended, but not required. For more information or to make an appointment, visit the UWC website at <http://www.lib.usf.edu/writing> (<http://www.lib.usf.edu/writing>), stop by LIB 125, or telephone (813) 974-8293.

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Criteria	Ratings			Pts
Proposal: Introduce... ...the problem or research question (1 paragraph)	10.0 pts Full Marks Excellent! All required elements present, and content is presented with logical continuity, clarity, and conciseness.	5.0 pts Half Marks Needs work. Some required elements are not present, or content is not presented with logical continuity, clarity, and/or conciseness.	0.0 pts No Marks No introduction provided.	10.0 pts
Proposal: Explain... ...why the problem or research question requires using an interdisciplinary approach (1 paragraph)	20.0 pts Full Marks Excellent! All required elements present, and content is presented with logical continuity, clarity, and conciseness.	10.0 pts Half Marks Needs work. Some required elements are not present, or content is not presented with logical continuity, clarity, and/or conciseness.	0.0 pts No Marks No justification provided.	20.0 pts
Proposal: Identify... ...the disciplines potentially relevant to the problem or research question, and then decide which are most relevant (1 paragraph)	30.0 pts Full Marks Excellent! All required elements present, and content is presented with logical continuity, clarity, and conciseness.	15.0 pts Half Marks Needs work. Some required elements are not present, or content is not presented with logical continuity, clarity, and/or conciseness.	0.0 pts No Marks No identification of disciplines provided.	30.0 pts

Criteria	Ratings				Pts
Annotated Bibliography: References... ...for (at least) five peer-reviewed research articles that address the problem from (at least) two different disciplinary perspectives	15.0 pts Full Marks At least five peer-reviewed research articles provided, listed correctly according to chosen citation style.	10.0 pts Minor Issues References provided, but issues with consistency or other presentation issues exist.	5.0 pts Significant Issues References provided, but (for example) most/all references are not peer-reviewed research articles.	0.0 pts No Marks No references provided.	15.0 pts
Annotated Bibliography: For Each Research Article... ...identify: the discipline(s) consulted in the research, the full title of the article, author(s) name(s), the insight(s) you plan to use from the article, and an evaluation of the relative importance of the insight(s) to the overall problem	25.0 pts Full Marks Minimal (or no) issues with presentation style, organization, and/or content.	15.0 pts Minor Issues Some problems with presentation style, organization, and/or content.	5.0 pts Significant Issues Major issues with presentation style, organization, and/or content	0.0 pts No Marks Required elements are not present.	25.0 pts
Total Points: 100.0					