

Proposal and Annotated Bibliography

Your next paper forces you to show that you can work with multiple texts and analyze them together. This is the next step for completing your research paper (and you should use the same research question here as you have before). This entire process is meant to help you focus on a *research question* rather than a research thesis. You must focus on researching the question, finding & evaluating sources, and keeping a research log.

This paper comes in two parts (obviously): a proposal and an annotated bibliography. It will only be 750-1250 words - about 4-5 pages. It is worth 100 points total: 40 for content (this is for proposal content, the review of literature, the appropriateness of your sources, and the analysis content of your annotations), 20 for organization (this is the flow of the proposal, a clear thesis, and alphabetized Bibliography section), 25 for style (this has to do with grammar and APA formatting of the sources), and 15 for presentation (this has to do with the general layout and following instructions). Having your peer draft ready and participating in the review is worth 25 more points.

This paper is also similar to what you did in 1010, however I will expect much more annotation and analysis than was previously expected. I will be paying close attention to your adherence to the APA style for your sources.

You will look at 3-4 academic sources for this paper. For the peer review and the teacher draft, you will include a printout of ALL the sources used in the paper.

Proposal. For the proposal, you explain your research question, including the topic. You also specify the academic field and aspect in which you are doing research, what you've found so far, and a plan for completion of the research. Make sure you get ALL that in your paper.

A good way (hint!) to organize the proposal section is to explain what brought you to the research question (why you chose this topic), then tell what your specific question and topic is, then tell which field or fields you are doing research in, what aspect of the field, then what you have found so far (this would be the review of literature – see other assignment sheet for that), and finally a conclusion that describes your plan of attack on completing the research paper (meaning your schedule).

Annotated Bibliography. On its own page, include a title (Annotated Bibliography), and then list your 3-4 sources in alphabetical order by author last name. I expect your sources to show a wide variety of views and information on the topic. These sources must **all** be peer reviewed and academic in nature. At least one should take a significantly different angle of vision than the others. You will cite each one in APA style.

The annotation consists of a short (25 word or less) summary of the text, followed by rhetorical information about the text and your evaluation of it, and concludes with its usefulness or value in your paper. Hence, this is an evaluative annotation.

See Chapter 8 for more info about how to format it and for examples!!!!