

**Extended Essay
ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY
Due Sept 20**



Step 1: Gathering Sources:

Produce an Annotated Bibliography of 8-10 sources.

An annotated bibliography is an organized and typed list of sources in which each reference is cited and then followed by a four paragraph annotation.

Completing this annotated bibliography will help you develop competence in your selected topic and will also allow you to narrow your research question.

Additionally, the assignment will yield a research portfolio that can serve as a touchstone while discussing the project with your EE supervisor.

Each annotation should consist of the following:

1. An MLA style citation of the source. (If you know you will be working with another documentation style like APA, you may use its format, but you must let me know what style sheet you are using).
2. A paragraph summarizing the main argument of the article or book.
3. A short evaluation of the reliability of the author and the strengths and weaknesses of the source (e.g. issues of reliability, comprehensiveness, objectivity)
4. Your own explanation of why this source is relevant for your research and how it fits into the development of your research question.
5. At least 2 quotes from each text, and a discussion of how you will use them. **Since each source on your annotated bibliography must be one that you intend to use in your paper, you will likely look at many more sources than you include here.**

Sample Annotation:

MLA Citation for a Book	Lamott, Anne. <i>Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life</i> . New York: Anchor Books, 1995. Print.
Paragraph Summary	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.
Source Reliability Evaluation	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.
Statement of Relevance to Research	<p>Chapters in this text could easily be included in the curriculum for a writing class.</p> <p>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.</p>
Quotes and Analysis	<p>Very few writers really know what they are doing until they've done it. (31) This will support my idea that creativity is primarily a subconscious process. This will well in my introduction, before I begin to discuss the neurological processes required in creative writing.</p> <p>I talked earlier about the artist who is trying to capture something in one corner of his canvas but keeps discovering that what he has painted is not what he had in mind. He keeps covering his work over with white paint each time that he discovers what it isn't, and each time this brings him closer to discovering what it is (55). I could use this in the section that discusses how the neurological process of revision differs from the process of invention.</p>

Additional Notes:

The overwhelming majority of your sources should be academic in nature (peer-reviewed journals and monographs). For access to academic journals and articles, please make use of the research resources and databases available via the Stony Point library. Additionally, while it is acceptable to include some Internet sites as citations in your research, you should carefully scrutinize the legitimacy of all on-line information. **Sites such as personal blogs or Wikipedia are to be avoided, as should sites aimed at children and general encyclopedia articles.** While you may use those sites as a starting point for your research, you should do so by going directly to their sources, always following up on the references they provide.

Make sure you study and return to your **EE SUBJECT GUIDE** often, to make sure you understand the specific guidelines, expectations for sources, and research methodologies required for an EE in your particular subject area.