

# Annotated Bibliography Assignment

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By “annotated bibliography,” I merely mean a list of sources where each entry includes a paragraph or so summary of the source. You’ll need to have a list of at least 20 different sources from different publications, and you should strive for a variety of different types of publications-- books, periodicals, academic journals, Internet sources, etc. And of course, you should take advantage of the academic resources available to you at the EMU library.

## Here are some thing to think about:

- The goal of this assignment is to help you conceptualize the project you will articulate in your MA Project/Thesis Proposal, and also to begin writing the literature review section of that document. As such, you want to include research in this annotated bibliography that has to do with that project, probably as it is initially proposed in your problem statement.
- *Tentatively*, this is due on March 15. The reason for this relatively early due date is to encourage you to work early (and often!) on your MA Project/Thesis Proposal.
- Here's basically what an annotation for this assignment should look like (this one is from a couple years ago):

Harris, M., & M. Pemperton. "Online Writing Labs (OWLs): A Taxonomy of Options and Issues." *Computers and Composition* 12, 1995. 145-159.

There are many possibilities for using computerization in the writing center. "Online Writing Labs..." not only discusses indirect models, such as e-mail and newsgroups, but also direct models, such as "interactive chat systems" (146) and Gopher, systems made for immediate discussion. The latter possibilities become even more important as writing centers look toward computerization while also keeping with writing center theory.

- I am not a great stickler for MLA versus APA rules of style, though you should make every effort to follow one or the other in your annotated bibliography and in your research project.
- You will certainly not use each and every entry in your annotated bibliography to write your MA Project/Thesis Proposal, nor will you include all of these items in the literature review section of that proposal. However, you want to make efforts to be as focused on your project/proposal as possible. That will make the research you do for your annotated bibliography considerably more useful.