

Module 3 Assignment: Annotated Bibliography

The objective of this assignment is to review course material about population and migration, and also do research to find out more about these two areas.

This page lays out the objectives and learning outcomes in this assignment.

Objectives



In this assignment, you will:

- Demonstrate your understanding of population and migration
- Work collaboratively with a peer to provide support and feedback
- Carry out independent research using the library and online resources
- Find 3 journal articles and 2 news articles
- Create an annotated bibliography

These are the goals of the assignment

Knowledge and Skills



By completing this assignment, you will:

- Understand course concepts related to population and migration
- Develop new knowledge from research
- See the value of working alongside a peer through the research process
- The importance of library and other research tools
- Evaluate sources for bias
- The purpose and steps in an annotated bibliography

These are the goals of the assignment

These are the tools you must use to succeed

Toolbox



- iLearn journal
- Google Keep
- Library database
- Preferred search engine
- Research tutorial
- Annotated bibliography template
- Peer review guide
- Your paired classmate
- Me

These are important dates & deadlines

Key Deadlines

- Aug 27: Assignment available
- Sept 27: Receive paired classmate assignment and Google Keep link
- Oct 18: Start population and migration section
- Oct 22: Post definitions and brainstorm to journal
- Oct 22: Start working with class peer & start research (post brainstorm to Google Keep)
- Nov 5: Formatted citations of 5 articles due to Dr. Donovan
- Nov 12: Final annotated bibliographies due
- Nov 12: Peer review evaluations due

OVERVIEW

An annotated bibliography is a type of assignment essay whereby reference list entries are followed by short descriptions of the work called annotations. This type of bibliography provides a brief overview of the available research on a topic. For the annotation, you are usually required to briefly summarise a research source and/or assess the value of the source and its validity for your assignment task. Each information source starts with a reference item that is followed by a brief paragraph. To write an annotated bibliography, you will need to consider:

1. Purposes
2. Writing style
3. Format
4. Examples

1. Purposes

The task of compiling an annotated bibliography will help the researcher think about the relevance and quality of the material on a topic. Does the information meet the requirements of the topic? Is the information from a reliable and academically respected source?

2. Style format

An annotated bibliography is a piece of formal academic writing and follows the general rules for all academic writing: The writing structure of the paragraph should follow this order:

1. Citation details (set out in the same style as a reference list item)
2. A short statement that explains the main focus or purpose of the work
3. A short summary of the theory, research findings or argument (e.g. intended audience, subjects covered, major arguments supported, research methods, conclusions reached, special features)
4. Consideration of the usefulness and/or limitations of the text for your research (e.g. reliability of the text, credibility of the author, poor features, left-out content, weaknesses in argument)
5. An evaluative comment on the work that may take into account how this work will fit into your research on a topic (e.g. critical comment, critical reflection that describes the usefulness or relevance of the information for your writing task).

3. **Layout Format**

- Begin by writing the reference for the source in your reference list style (including hanging indent)
- Each annotation (about 100-300 words) should be a new paragraph below the reference entry
- Write in full sentences using academic writing style
- Use transition words (e.g. furthermore, moreover, however, therefore ...)
- Be concise – mention only significant details in your summary
- Do NOT repeat information (e.g. the title) that is already in your citation
- Arrange your sources and summaries in alphabetical order
- Double space the complete annotated bibliography

4. **Citation Style**

The main citation and bibliographic styles are Modern Language Association (MLA), Chicago Manual of Style, and American Psychological Association (APA). Many disciplines are specific to the style that they use. I have no preference for bibliographic styles, but do request that you use the same style for each citation in your bibliography. Please check the iLearn page for links to citation styles for journal articles, PRINT news articles, and online sources (“Identifying Sources and Formatting Bibliography”).