

**All materials handed in for grade MUST fill out and include the following Information Header at the start of the document or on a separate cover sheet.**

Research Group Members  
Course Name  
Instructor's Name  
Assignment Title  
Your Subtitle (where applicable)  
Date Submitted

Due Date

See the *Readings and Assignment Schedule* for due dates.

Objectives

- MAP the scope of your research topic;
- FOCUS your research topic;
- PRACTICE using library resources and databases;
- IDENTIFY key readings and resources about significant concepts, terms and debates in your research area;
- SUMMARIZE readings;
- ARTICULATE concisely the key ideas of resources in proper annotation form.

### HELPFUL RESOURCES AND EXAMPLES:

UNBC LibGuide: "Annotated Bibliographies"

<http://libguides.unbc.ca/content.php?pid=244169&sid=2391420>

Note that you can contact the librarian through this link if you would like extra instruction.

You may also visit the Academic Success Centre or access their on-line tutorials and resources:

<http://www.unbc.ca/academic-success-centre>

University of Toronto: "Writing an Annotated Bibliography"

<http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/specific-types-of-writing/annotated-bibliography>

Brandon University: "Creating an Annotated Bibliography in MLA Style"

<http://libguides.brandonu.ca/content.php?pid=26571&sid=207491>

Instructions

This is an INDIVIDUAL exercise.

1. READ broadly in your Curiosity Project area;

2. IDENTIFY particular issues or facets of the general topic upon which you will focus for your Curiosity Project and presentation;
3. CHOOSE FIVE (5) articles that best demonstrate the key concepts, terms, debates and questions that define your presentation subject;
4. REFERENCE each resource using proper MLA Works Cited format;
5. ANNOTATE: after each citation, SUMMARIZE it (max. 150 words) in a succinct annotation that describes the following:
  - a. Thesis;
  - b. Method;
  - c. Conclusions;
  - d. Any questions raised for further study.
6. NOTE: An annotation is a *descriptive document* not an analysis. Do not include your opinions about the resource.

**FORMAT: YOU WILL HAND IN THE FOLLOWING**

- The Information Header at the start of the document;
- FIVE (5) annotated bibliographic entries in proper MLA format;
- Times New Roman, 12 pt font, DOUBLE-SPACED;
- White paper;
- Pages numbered in the *upper right-hand corner*;
- Hard-copy: Stapled in the *upper left-hand corner* (no duotangs or folders).

**Assessment**

- Bibliographic References
  - Proper MLA format;
  - All necessary information is provided;
  - Choice of references demonstrates clear attempt to explore the chosen theme (I.e. they are not just the first hits on Google or in the database).
- Abstract
  - Good choice of FOCUS and illustration;
  - Accurate use of terminology;
  - Clear understanding of the argument and its structure;
  - Concision, clear language, proper format, paragraph and sentence structure;
  - Tidiness, care for presentation.