Annotated Bibliography Project

1) Decide on your research question. Ask your instructor if you are not sure if your question is appropriate.

2) Utilizing library resources and the internet, find the four best sources related to your research question. You need one book, two journal articles from library databases, and one website.

3) Put your sources in MLA or APA citation format and alphabetize them. See the Pocket Handbook, citation generators, and library handouts.

4) Describe: Write a description of each source
   a) Note who the author is and her credentials/background
   b) State the author's thesis (look at introduction/abstract/preface)
   c) Describe the main focus of the source (look at table of contents)
   d) Is there anything that makes this source notable (is it the most in-depth, first to focus on the subject matter, etc.)

5) Evaluate: Write a critical evaluation of each source
   a) Is the source accurate, reliable, or biased in any way?
   b) How does it compare to other works on this topic?
   c) Does the author back up his claims with evidence?
   d) Is it written for a particular audience (scholars/general public)
   e) What are the strengths and weaknesses of the source?

6) Reflect: Write about your impressions of the source and its usefulness
   a) How will this source help you answer your research question or support your argument?
   b) How did it change the way you think about your topic?
   c) Your overall conclusions about this source.

* Each annotation needs to be AT LEAST 5-7 sentences *
-> Always check with your professor for instructions specific to your course. <-