

## FYE 101 – RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT

**Annotated Bibliography and Bibliographic Essay.** This assignment is designed to help you develop academic information literacy and your research skills. It will help you learn essential skills of seeking and finding information using a variety of sources about a topic in your presently chosen major or an area of interest if you have not selected a major.

The assignment requires you to develop a bibliography of books, journal articles, websites and other sources on a topic and write a one paragraph descriptive annotations that offers the reader an overview of the content of the sources. The annotated bibliography should consist of a variety of a minimum of 10 sources (in other words, the bibliography should not be overloaded with one category of sources). The bibliography should be introduced by a bibliographic essay in which you reflect on your search process and evaluate the quality of the material you were able to find.

An example of an annotated bibliography will be provided.

**Due Date: 12 November**

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### Definition

A bibliography is a list of sources (books, journals, websites, periodicals, etc.) one has used for researching a topic. A bibliography usually just includes the bibliographic information (i.e., the author, title, publisher, etc.).

An annotation is a summary and/or evaluation. Therefore, an annotated bibliography includes a summary and/or evaluation of each of the sources. Depending on your project or the assignment, your annotations may do one or more of the following:

**Summarize:** Some annotations merely summarize the source. What are the main arguments? What is the point of this book or article? What topics are covered? If someone asked what this article/book is about, what would you say? The length of your annotations will determine how detailed your summary is.