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| **Instructions** |  |
| **Overview**  Create an annotated bibliography of four sources that could be used for your research project, including at least two articles from scholarly journals.  Grading  This assignment is worth 210 points (21%) of your final course grade.  Earning the maximum possible score on this assignment will require students to:  **Step 1**: complete all assigned essay components and answer reflection questions in the initial submission (earning up to 85% of the possible points)  **Step 2**: revise and resubmit the essay and complete revision reflection questions (earning up to 15% of the possible points)  To see required components and associated points in the assignment rubric, please view this assignment through the Assignments area of the classroom and scroll to the bottom.  Due Dates  The deadline for *initial submission* of this assignment is the end of Week 4 (Tuesday, 11:59 PM Eastern).  The *revision and revision reflection* will be due seven days after receiving feedback on your initial submission or as specified by your instructor.  Connection to other Course Assignments   * + The annotated bibliography is part of your research project, which examines a current issue or event in the news from the perspective of your field of study.   + The annotated bibliography builds on your work from the first few weeks of class selecting an appropriate topic and then developing a more focused research question.   + The annotated bibliography contributes to the research project by helping you collect and analyze your sources. * As you complete the tasks required for this assignment, you will be working toward several of the course outcomes:   + Identify valid and reliable sources that can be used in the composition of a research paper (Course outcomes 1 and 2)   + Explain the nature of selected sources and their relevance of sources to the research paper (Course outcome 2)   + Set up an annotated bibliography in APA format (Course outcome 5)   + Demonstrate accurate grammar and mechanics in writing (Course outcome 5)   **Step 1: Initial Submission (*earn up to 85% of the possible points for the assignment*)**  Your initial submission should include all of the following components:  Sources  Four sources related to your research question, including at least two from scholarly journal articles. All four sources should be high-quality sources that you can use in your research project. Refer to *Week 3: Selecting Sources Wisely*. You may decide to use some or all of the sources that you posted in *Week 3, Discussion 1: Identifying and Evaluating Sources*.  Content and Organization  Include your name and a title that reflects your topic at the top of the first page.  Below the title, indicate your research question.  Following the explanations in the week 4 learning resources [*The Annotated Bibliography* (videos) and the *Sample Annotated Bibliography*], create an annotated bibliography of four sources. For each source, include:   * Reference citation in APA forma * Annotation of 150 ±25 words, formatted in a single paragraph, with   + summary   + evaluation   + use   You may (but do not have to) use CiteFast to create your reference citations. If you use CiteFast, be sure to check for accuracy and make any necessary corrections.  Language Choices   * As a writer, you are free to decide how you use language, keeping the following in mind:   + **style**: your language choices should result in a consistent writing style that is purposeful and aligned with your goals   + **readability**: your language choices should ensure that your ideas are clear and easy to follow * When composing your assignment, think about the conventions for academic writing, including:   + **punctuation**: this includes things such as recommended use of commas, colons, and apostrophes.   + **word-level accurac**y: this includes things such as capitalization, spelling, word-tense, and usage.   + **sentence-level accuracy**: this includes things such as sentence boundaries, subject-verb agreement, and pronoun-antecedent agreement. * Take time to review your language choices after you’ve drafted your assignment. Think about your goals for the style of this writing and your own writing habits (like using “text-speak,” omitting capitalization, or writing sentence fragments). Revise as necessary to accomplish your style and readability goals. * Reading your writing aloud is a helpful technique when reviewing your language choices for style and readability.   Length and Format  Each annotated bibliography entry begins with a reference citation in APA format, followed by a single-paragraph annotation of 150 +/- 25 words (125-175 words each). The entire completed assignment should be at least 600 words.  Order the references alphabetically, according to the first words of the reference citations.  Incorporate these elements of APA style:   * Use one-inch margins. * Double space. * Use an easy-to-read font between 10-point and 12-point. * Format reference citations with a hanging indent.   A title page is not required, but make sure you include your name and a title that reflects your topic at the top of the first page. | |