

Construct an annotated bibliography of potential sources for your concept analysis essay. There should be at least ten sources, all of them related to your topic. An annotated bibliography is a list of citations for research sources. Each citation is followed by an annotation, a brief descriptive and evaluative paragraph about the source. The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited.

Some things your annotation should include:

1. Evaluation of the source for relevance to your topic,
2. Evaluation of the source for possible bias,
3. If possible, an evaluation the authority, background, and education of the author(s),
4. Commentary on the intended audience. For whom was it written (general public/any reader, subject specialists, college students)? What skill level or education level must the reader have?
5. Comparison or contrast between this work and another you have cited.

**Example of a Citation and Annotation, from the University of Missouri Libraries website:**

London, Herbert. "Five Myths of the Television Age." *Television Quarterly* 10.1 (1982): 81-89. *Academic Search Premiere*. Web. 10 Oct. 2010.

Herbert London, the Dean of Journalism at New York University and author of several books and articles, explains how television contradicts five commonly believed ideas. He uses specific examples of events seen on television, such as the assassination of John Kennedy, to illustrate his points. His examples have been selected to contradict such truisms as: "seeing is believing"; "a picture is worth a thousand words"; and "satisfaction is its own reward." London uses logical arguments to support his ideas which are his personal opinion. He doesn't refer to any previous works on the topic; however, for a different point of view, one should refer to Joseph Patterson's, "Television is Truth" (*The Journal of Television* 45 (6) November/December 1995: 120-135). London's style and vocabulary would make the article of interest to any reader. The article clearly illustrates London's points, but does not explore their implications, leaving the reader with many unanswered questions.

All of the sources should come from LSU library, and at least four should come from the databases available through the library. The bibliography should be in MLA style, and each annotation should be three to seven sentences, or about 100 words. Your work must be double-spaced and the items in the bibliography must be in alphabetical order.

For further discussion of annotated bibliographies and an excellent example, see section R3-a of *A Writer's Reference*. **Due date: Tuesday, 10/11.**