



ELA Virtual Learning

Composition and Reading 2: Annotated Bibliography (1 of 4)

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Objective/Learning Target:

Students will evaluate sources and state how these sources would be valuable to their paper.



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Answer the following questions in your notebook.

Starting Question(s):

- 1. What is an annotated bibliography?**
- 2. Why should we track our research?**
- 3. Is a piece of writing easier to understand if you know that writer's thought processes?**



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Learn:

My hope is that you have found some sources that you can use for your paper. Now I would like to see how you conducted your research. To that end, I would like you to complete an **annotated bibliography**. What is that? An annotated bibliography is a list of MLA citations that cite the articles that you plan to use in your paper, along with an annotation that explains what each source is saying, why it's reputable, how it can be used to support your claim, and how frequently you plan to use the source in your paper. You will need to answer these questions for EACH source you use in the paper. Don't worry though, you have multiple days to do this.

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Learn:

MLA citation is relatively simple. The order is:

- Author. Title. Container (Publication), Volume, Number, Publisher, Date, Location.

So for example, a citation of an article over women in dystopian fiction would look like:

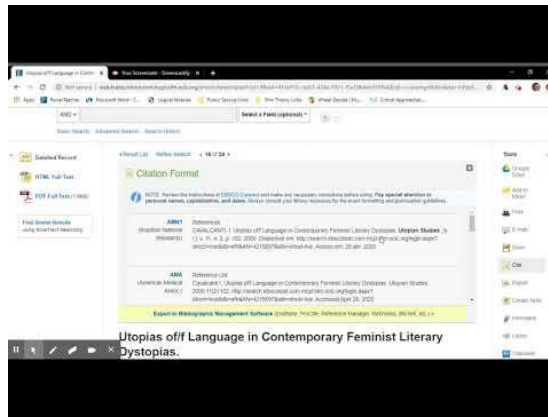
- Cavalcanti, Ildney. "Utopias of/f Language in Contemporary Feminist Literary Dystopias." *Utopian Studies*, vol. 11, no. 2, Dec. 2000, p. 152.

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Learn:

There's an easy way to cite MLA in EBSCO. Watch the video below to see!





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Practice:

Now to the assignment itself. Throughout this week, you have been collecting sources to support your claim. The last assignment asked for three, but this annotated bibliography asks for **six**. Please use the sources that you have already found! You do not need to find six new sources. [Here](#) is a link to the assignment sheet. Make sure you are answering every question on the assignment sheet in order to make a correct annotation.

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Practice *Example*:

“The Hyphenated American.” *Lesbian News*, vol. 35, no. 7, Feb. 2010, p. 11.

- This source is about Octavia Butler’s writing career. It details her beginnings in the science fiction genre, and how she eventually became a celebrated author in the field. The article emphasizes Butler’s accomplishments as extraordinary, since science fiction is a male dominated genre and Butler was writing at a time of “civil disobedience,” where she was pressured to write about the civil rights movement rather than fiction. This source is from *Lesbian News*, which is a professional publication that has been running since 1975. I plan to use this article to establish background on Octavia Butler to hopefully gain some insight on her thematic choices, but I would also like to emphasize who her mentors were in science fiction. Samuel Delany, one of Butler’s mentors, largely deals with aspects of language and communication in his writing, so by looking at his writing and his influence on Butler, I might better understand the influence of language as it appears (or doesn’t appear) in Butler’s short story “Speech Sounds.” I will only be using excerpts of this article as they apply to establishing background knowledge of the author and how her writing has been influenced by others in the field of science fiction.

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Wrap-Up:

The purpose of an annotated bibliography is to display how you have researched a specific topic. It will help your instructor to see if your research is appropriate for your topic. It can be very easy to get off track when researching, and you don't want to deviate from what your point is, otherwise it will not be effective! Here is an [additional guide](#) that will help you with this assignment.