

Project Four

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Assignment Background: Thus far, you have utilized a set of researched methods typically associated with primary research and fieldwork: mapping, observation, interview, and survey. To help you support, complicate, and theorize your to-date findings, the next project in this course asks you to locate 6-8 academic sources. An academic source (a book, a book chapter, a journal article, and/or a published report) is a researched, sourced, peer-reviewed, and authoritative piece of writing.

The Assignment: For the fourth assignment, you will locate 6-8 academic sources and develop an annotated bibliography of those sources.

What I am looking for: Your annotated bibliography should include two parts: a citation and an annotation. The citation should be in standard MLA format. Take this citation of a journal article as an example:

Duvall, John N. "The (Super)Marketplace of Images: Television as Unmediated Mediation in DeLillo's *White Noise*." *Arizona Quarterly* 50.3 (1994): 127-53. Print.

First, notice the format of the citation. The citation is formatted using a hanging indentation. In an MLA citation, the second line is always indented. Notice the lack of a bullet or a number before the author's last name. Works cited pages should never contain a bullet or a number.

Second, notice what information is included in the citation and the order in which it is included. Here is the citation's template:

Author(s). "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume.Issue (Year): pages. Medium of publication.

In addition to the citation, I am also looking for an annotation. The annotation should be about 100 words. Each source should have its own annotation, and each annotation should include two things. The first is a brief summary of the article: What is the main point of the article? What is the article contributing to a larger body of scholarship? This part of the annotation should be relatively brief – about 50 words. The second part of the annotation should describe how you think the source can contribute to your project. What observation does it explain or complicate? Which one of your questions does it start to answer? Does the source offer a problem that you might hope to address? This section of the annotation should be about 50 words. To make this part of the annotation worthwhile, be as specific as possible.

For a good example of an annotated bibliography, visit [this site](#) →

<http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/writersref6e/lmcontent/cho7/PDF/Hacker-Orlov-MLA-Biblio.pdf>

If it were my project: I would use this opportunity to develop a larger theoretical context for my observations. Say, for example, I decided to do my project on the way students study and learn. At this point, I would have some information about study habits, a map of where people study, and some quotes from students about studying. So for this project, I would try to locate some research on student learning. I would look for some sources that express concern about study habits in the 21st century. Namely, I would try to find people who worry that students aren't learning. There, I might find some things about high-stakes testing, some things about

writing as a medium of learning, and some things about students' attention. Then, I would try to find some current studies about the ways that students learn, and I would try to determine how those studies are alike and different than my observations.