Writing an Annotated Bibliography


**Step 1: Search for Articles**

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**Main Concepts**

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**Filters**

- Full Text  [Uncheck if you aren't getting enough results]
- Publication Date
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  - Peer Reviewed
  - Journal Subset: Core Nursing, Nursing

**Step 2: Select Articles**

Read titles and abstracts to look for the most relevant articles in your search results.

When you find an article that you might want to include in your bibliography, ask yourself:

- Does the article relate to your topic?
- Is it published in a peer-reviewed nursing journal?  [Check the Journal Subset]
- Was it published within the last 5 years?
- Is it 3 or more pages?
- Any other criteria that your professor mentioned?

Select the four articles that meet the above criteria and best fit your topic.
Step 3: Read and Evaluate Articles

Read the four articles you've selected and take notes on the information that you'll include in your annotations:

- What is the central theme and scope of the article?
- What is the authority or background of the author(s)?
- Who is the intended audience?
- How does this article compare to the other three?
- How does this article increase the body of nursing knowledge and promote evidence based practice?

Step 4: Write Citations and Annotations

Cite each article in APA format. [Check the 334 course guide if you need help]

Write a 150-200 word annotation for each article, following the guidelines on your assignment sheet.

Example


The authors, researchers at the Rand Corporation and Brown University, use data from the National Longitudinal Surveys of Young Women and Young Men to test their hypothesis that nonfamily living by young adults alters their attitudes, values, plans, and expectations, moving them away from their belief in traditional sex roles. They find their hypothesis strongly supported in young females, while the effects were fewer in studies of young males. Increasing the time away from parents before marrying increased individualism, self-sufficiency, and changes in attitudes about families. In contrast, an earlier study by Williams cited below shows no significant gender differences in sex role attitudes as a result of nonfamily living.

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