Module 3: Assignment 1: Annotated Bibliography

Overview:

An annotated bibliography critically assesses citations of books, articles, and documents. It provides a short, concise description and evaluation of the article. You will write the annotative bibliography in APA style (citation and double-spaced). You will not need a title page or reference page.

Objectives:

The student will:

• Perform a bibliographic database search.
• Demonstrate ability to write an annotated bibliography.

Instructions:

1. Choose an area of interest (i.e. smoking cessation in women of childbearing age) and conduct a literature search. You will need five peer-reviewed articles.
2. For the five sources, use professional databases (CINAL and PUBMED are the two most common). The sources should be peer-reviewed journals.
3. Citations should be in APA format.
4. Look for reliable, valid sources that discuss research and use scientific language.
5. As you write your annotation include both a summary of the source AND an evaluation of the validity of the source and its usefulness. Paragraphs should be in full sentences. Length of the entry is often linked with the length of the source.
6. Summarize the content of the source—be descriptive and specific.
7. Evaluate the accuracy and validity of the source.
8. Describe the usefulness of the source.
9. The format should list the citation, then the appropriate paragraph annotation followed by the next citation and annotation. All entries should be typed and double-spaced.

Evaluation

Grading Criteria

Resources:

Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) http://owl.english.purdue.edu/
Annotated Bibliographies

Preparing an annotated bibliography  This resource utilizes MLA style in the examples. The only difference between MLA and APA style in an annotated bibliography is in the documentation of the reference.

Annotated Bibliography Example  This is an example of an annotated bibliography that I did when I was in my doctoral program. I do not expect you to be as in depth as this one is, but it is an example of the format.