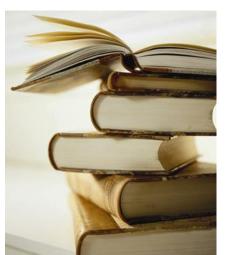
What's an Annotated Bibliography?



## Creating an Annotated Bibliography... Let's get started

Identify and gather a variety of sources aiming to include books, texts, print and electronic articles.

TIP! Go to <u>FFSS Home</u> Page Go to <u>Library Tab</u> Go to <u>Reference Desk</u> Go to GALE; EBSCO etc.



- Read or at least skim each source and make some general notes.
- Make sure that you know how to cite sources for your bibliography correctly (using the APA style, Chicago or MLA) \*



# Format of the Annotaated Bibliography...

#### 1. Citation

- Each source is listed in correct form (APA, Chicago or MLA).
  - Sources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name.

2. Annotation

A summary note, written in paragraph form, follows each source. The summary note will include a summary, an evaluation and a connection to the thesis and or arguments you will be making in your paper. (See next slides for more details) \*

without using personal pronouns!!!!

Summarize

© Evaluate

Reflect & Connect



#### **Summarize**

- Include a sentence or two on the general topic or research question that the work addresses.
- Is it an essay, a news article, an opinion paper, a text and so on? How is the book or article organized? Who is the intended audience?
- Describe the author's methodology. What kinds of sources did he or she use?
- Describe the main topics covered.
- Using the Verbs for Referring to Sources handout, describe the thesis and main arguments. \*

#### **Evaluate**

- What kind of authority does this person have regarding this topic? Is this a useful source? Is the information reliable?
- What do you think the author's motivation or purpose is? Is the source biased or objective?
- Are the arguments convincing? What are the strengths and weaknesses of the arguments? \*

#### **Reflect & Connect**

- Describe how the source is relevant to your topic
- Describe how it will fit in with your argument or research. How does it help you shape your argument? How can you use this source in your research project?
- Mas the source changed how you think about your topic?
- Mas it raised additional questions for you? \*