

Creating an Annotated Citation for a Reference Source and a Book/ Evaluating Content

Read these instructions completely before you begin the assignment.

For this assignment, you will create a project/bibliography using NoodleTools. You will create two complete annotated citations in MLA Style (Advanced) for two different information sources, one encyclopedia and one book. You will share this project/bibliography with me using the NoodleTools Dropbox feature. You do not need to print out or upload this assignment. The NoodleTools **Assignment Dropbox Name is Lisa Libr 100.**

Guidelines for choosing your 2 sources:

The encyclopedia (or other reference work) should contain a substantial, quality article/entry on one or more of the major aspects of your topic. It must be an encyclopedia or other reference work from one of the CSM Library collections: the print collection (reference or circulating shelves), the reference E-books collection, or one of the databases discussed in the lecture presentation. (See the presentation slides from lecture on Monday of this week in Web Access for a reminder about these collections.)

The book should be specific to your topic. Start by searching the library catalog using key words for your topic. When you see one item that seems relevant, look at the Subject field in order to identify the subject headings that are used to describe books on that topic. This will help you to locate other books on that topic and choose the best ones. *Note: You may want to limit the location to CSM library in order to find a print book you can borrow and evaluate in person, unless you are able to visit another library branch to complete this assignment. You may also use an e-book from one of the CSM Library collections that you find either through the library catalog or through this page <http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/library/ebooks.php>.*

Guidelines for Annotation of the Encyclopedia or Reference Source Article/Entry

Look at the encyclopedia article carefully and answer these questions as best you can in the form of a paragraph in the annotation section of your citation in NoodleTools. Do not include the headings below such as Authority, Purpose, etc., but rather, use complete sentences to explain and describe the aspects of your reference source that the questions are asking about. Many answers can often be found in a reference book's preface and/or introduction section.

Authority: What is the author or publisher(s) authority or credibility? Does the author/publisher(s) have the expertise to provide this information?

Purpose/Audience: Why was this written? Who is the intended audience? What is the reading level? Can a nonspecialist read this article/entry? What does the author(s) say will be covered?

Content/Relevance: What is the article/entry about? Is the material appropriate and useful for your research? Does it answer all or part of your research question? Can it be used for background or to focus on a specific area of your topic? Is the publishing date current enough for your topic?

Scope and Coverage of Material: What are the limitations of the information - is something missing that you wish were included? What time period is covered?

Objectivity: Do you see any evidence of bias, propaganda, or a strong persuasive argument? Is the material viewed from more than one point of view? Does it contain facts that are supported with evidence, such as citations to other information sources?

Writing Quality: Is it clear to you what the entry intends to explain? How is the article/entry organized? Are there any special features?

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