

## CSM Libr 100 Velarde - Assignment #3

### Instructions & Evaluation Questions for Annotation of Articles

1. Use the library databases to find one popular and one scholarly article that relate to your research question. A good one to use is Academic Search Premier, but you can use any article database(s) as long as you can find one scholarly and one popular article. The popular article should be long enough so that you can evaluate it using the questions below.
2. Inside NoodleTools, open the project/bibliography you created for assignment #2 and create a new citation and annotation for each of the two articles you have found. Or, you can create a new assignment #3 and then merge it with #2.
3. You can delete the practice citation we did in class if it still there, since that one is not related to your topic.
4. Once you have finished creating your two new citations/annotations for the articles, you should have four total citations plus annotations, including the book and reference source you already created for assignment #2. (You will have six if you are doing extra credit. See #8.)
5. Export your bibliography to Word or to Google Docs. (If using Google Docs, you can use your school email, my.smccd.edu, when you export from NoodleTools because your school account is a Google account.)
6. When your annotated bibliography has been exported to Word or Google Docs, do a spell check and read your paragraph out loud to identify any grammar problems.
6. Write your name and your research question at the top, above the title, which should say Works Cited. (See the Example Assignment.)
7. Upload your bibliography to Web Access as a Word document (.doc or .docx) or as a .pdf to Web Access or hand in to me in class on Monday. The assignment is due at the end of Monday, 11/18 (midnight).
8. For extra credit, you can find and evaluate two more articles, but they should be from different databases than the ones you used for the first two articles. Include them on your bibliography for a total of six sources.

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### Evaluation Questions for your Annotation Paragraph about each Article

You can use the article record and abstract, if any, as well as the full text of the article itself, to answer these questions. Your annotation should be in paragraph form.

**Content/Relevance:** What is the article 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?

**Writing Quality:** Is it clear to you what the author(s) intends to express/explain? How is the article organized? Are there sections? What are some of the section headings, if any? Are there any special features such as photographs, diagrams, or statistics tables? Does it include a list of references or bibliography?

**Authority:** Does the author(s) work at a college or university? Is there any indication of the author's educational or career experience? (You might try Googling the author name if you can't answer these questions from the article or article record.)

**Purpose/Audience:** Was this article written to inform, educate, entertain or change someone's opinion? What is the reading level? Is this article intended for a general audience or a specialized audience?

**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?