

Annotated Bibliography Evaluation Criteria – Grading Rubric

	Excellent (A/A+: 85-100%)	Good (B+/A-: 77-84%)	Adequate (B-/B: 70-77%)	Inadequate (below B-: below 70%)
Quality of selected sources	Sources are highly accurate, reliable and relevant to the topic	Sources are overall accurate, reliable and relevant to the topic	Sources are overall reliable but could be more accurate and/or relevant to the topic	Sources are not reliable, accurate, and/or relevant to the topic
Introduction of topic	Introduction provides a very clear explanation of topic	Introduction provides a fairly clear explanation of topic	Introduction explains topic but could be clearer	Introduction doesn't explain topic clearly
Rationale for source selection	Introduction provides a clear and explicit rationale for source selection	Introduction provides a fairly clear and explicit rationale for source selection	Introduction provides rationale for source selection, but could be clearer and/or more explicit	Introduction does not provide rationale for source selection or it is not clear
Quality of summaries	Brief but exhaustive summary of relevant points from the sources, assuming little prior knowledge about the sources on the part of the reader	Good summary of most relevant points from the sources, assuming little prior knowledge about the sources on the part of the reader	Summary of some relevant points from the sources is there, but it could be more to the point	No summary of relevant points from the sources, or summary is not to the point at all
Critical thinking	Student's stance and critical evaluation about the content of the sources is very well-developed and clear throughout	Student's stance and critical evaluation about the content of the sources is fairly well-developed and clear	Some evidence of student's stance and critical evaluation about the content of the sources, but it could be more developed and /or clear	Student's stance and critical evaluation about the content of the sources is either not there or is not developed and is unclear
Paper organization	The paper has a very clear structure, is well organized and easy to read throughout	For the most part, the paper has a clear structure, is well organized and easy to read	The paper has a structure but could be better organized and easier to read	No structure and/or very poorly organized and not easy to read
Citations and APA	Each source is cited correctly according to APA style	Very few and minor citations / APA style errors	Some noticeable citations / APA style errors	Very incorrect use of citations / APA style
Writing skills	Appropriate range of sentences and	Overall, appropriate range of sentences	Basic sentence structures and	Very limited sentence structures

	vocabulary, and correct grammar throughout	and vocabulary, and correct grammar. Few minor mistakes	vocabulary. Some grammar mistakes	and vocabulary. Many grammar mistakes
Format	Paper is formatted appropriately (title, margins, font type, font size, spacing, paragraphs, word number)	Overall, paper is formatted appropriately (title, margins, font type, font size, spacing, paragraphs, word number). Minor mistakes.	Paper format is acceptable but there are several elements that should be fixed	Paper format is not appropriate