

Annotated Bibliography

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1 Basic Expectations

As detailed in the course syllabus, your annotated bibliography will, in principle, directly inform—or serve as the foundation for—the literature review you include in your [final research proposal](#). In the bibliography, you must identify at least 10 sources germane to your topic of interest. For each source, you must provide a 100–150-word summary of the key argument(s) proffered by the author(s).

2 Structure of the *Annotated Bibliography*

At the beginning of your annotated bibliography, you must clearly state the research question(s) animating your proposed project. The rest of your annotated bibliography must be organized around relevant *themes*. For example, if your proposal is related to *affective polarization* in America, you could use the following thematic sections to organize the summaries in your bibliography:

- *Historical Context: Tracking Partisan Conflict in America's Past*
- *How Has Affective Polarization Been Measured?*
- *Is Affective Polarization on the Rise?*

Your annotated bibliography must include at least *two thematic sections*, each containing distinct references and summaries.

3 Formatting Conventions

Annotated bibliographies must be double-spaced and formatted in a 12-point Garamond or Times New Roman font. Margins should be set to 1 inch on all sides (top, bottom, left, and right). You are free to use either an [APA](#) or [ASA](#) citation style to manage the references you include. More generally, you must use subheadings to (i) identify your research question(s); and (ii) mark different thematic sections.

4 Additional Resources

- [Writing an Annotated Bibliography](#) (via the University of Toronto)
- [How to Prepare an Annotate Bibliography](#) (via Cornell)

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