

## **Annotated Bibliography for Final Project**

This is graded **individually** and is worth **5% of your total grade**

**Context:** One of the Intended Learning Outcomes for FYS is to Identify, evaluate, and utilize a variety of academic sources. This Annotated Bibliography (which is part of your larger assignment to create a fictional DTC-GT company) will be assessed for meeting this goal.

**Format:** Your bibliography can be in any format (bullet points, written paragraph or spreadsheet) that is shareable with me and that supports including the requirements listed below for three different sources. You may want to choose your format after you annotate at least one source so that you know what will best support your project.

**Sources:** As we have done for other assignments in this class, you may use a variety of types of sources. At least one source must be a scholarly source, that is, it should be from a peer-reviewed journal. The other two sources you use, may be anything - interviews, opinion pieces, newspaper articles, podcasts, etc. The important thing for this assignment is that you are able to evaluate each of the three sources for a variety of criteria.

### **Each of your three entries is required to have:**

1. Full citation in APA citation style
2. An evaluation of each source for the following criteria:
  - a. Is the source scholarly (peer reviewed) or informal?
  - b. Currency: is the source recent enough to be of value? Has this research been updated more recently?
  - c. Authority: who wrote the source? What expertise do they draw on?
  - d. Motivation: what motivation do the authors and the publisher have for providing this information? Who funded this research or publication?
  - e. Reliability: Do other organizations or researchers use this information (is it cited by others)? Does this information match what other organizations and researchers publish or say?
3. Your notes from a careful reading (or listening or viewing) of the source. **There is a huge difference between writing “this source talks about…” and “this source says [these specific things] about.” You want to write “this source says [these specific things] about.” NOTE:** long sources do not need to be thoroughly annotated - just annotate what you might use in your research process.
4. After carefully reading and thinking about what you learned from each source, identify concrete information that could relate to your topic, and specify possible ways you might use that information **in your final project.**

### **Assessment**

This specific assignment requires you to have **at least three source entries completed in your annotated bibliography**. Assessment will be as follows:

- There are three or more thorough and clear annotations (2 pt)
- Each entry contains the source's complete reference in APA format (3 pts)
- Each entry contains a statement of whether the source is scholarly (peer-reviewed) or informal (1 pt)
- Each entry contains a statement of currency (1 pt)
- Each entry contains a statement of authority (1 pt)
- Each entry contains a statement of motivation (1 pt)
- Each entry contains a statement of reliability (1 pt)
- Each entry contains concrete and specific information about the actual content of the source (6 pts)
- most of the notes in each entry are paraphrased - direct quotes are rarely included (1 pt)
- Each entry contains your ideas about how you might want to use that source in your project (3 pts)

### **Deadline**

This assignment is due **by the end of the day on Monday April 29**.