

LIB 101: Information Literacy
Session 4: Critical Thinking Assignment
(10 Points)

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1. Select one of the following critical thinking issues (topics):

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| A) Addiction | N) Minimum Wage |
| B) Airport Security | O) Online Education |
| C) Animal Rights | P) Organic Food |
| D) Bullying | Q) Population Growth |
| E) Charter Schools | R) Road Rage |
| F) Childhood Obesity | S) Recycling |
| G) Consumer Debt | T) Renewable Energy |
| H) Drugs and Athletes | U) Standardized Testing |
| I) Food Safety | V) Sweatshops |
| J) Fracking | W) Texting while Driving |
| K) Gambling | X) Terrorism |
| L) Homelessness | Y) Vaccines |
| M) Identity Theft | Z) Video Games |

Step 2. Using library resources, find three relevant sources on the topic you selected.

Your annotated bibliography must include these resource formats:

- 1 e-book (read one chapter relevant to your topic)
- 1 online scholarly/peer-reviewed article
- 1 online reference article (Use *CREDO Reference*, or *Oxford Reference Online*)

Step 3. Use NoodleTools to create the bibliography in MLA citation format.

Step 4. Add an annotation to each entry, using the “Writing an Annotation” guidelines on page 2.

Step 5. Finish & Export to a Word Document and submit in the Dropbox: Session 4: Assignment – Critical thinking 4 Item Annotated Bibliography.

NOTE:

To earn full credit for this assignment (10 points) you will need to:

- Use three resources, as specified, from the library resources (not Google/websites).
- Cite each resource accurately in MLA format and
- Include an annotation for each entry, following each of the four specified guidelines.

The following will be used to evaluate your assignment:

- whether you used the three specified resource formats
- whether you used relevant resources to support your topic
- whether you used proper MLA citation
- whether you addressed all four required components for each annotation as on page 2.

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GUIDELINES FOR ANNOTATION

1. Provide a 2-3 sentence summary of the **central theme** of the specific resource **in your own words and not “cut and paste” from the abstract.**

***Example:** “The author of this book gives a historical overview on drug trafficking as well as a modern outlook on the international drug trade. This book addresses two fundamental concepts; regardless of the original intent, current policies do not work and in fact serve to make it more difficult to stop trafficking, and that many of the international issues in regards to drug trafficking can be blamed on the United States and its policies both domestically and abroad.”*

2. Provide a sentence or two providing **evidence of authority** or background of the author(s), publisher, or organization responsible for the resource.

E-book: Books often have information about the author in the introduction. Note the degree or degree-granting institution, and/or experience and background of the author(s). If no information is available about the author, look up the publisher online and provide a statement about the credibility

Online scholarly/peer-reviewed article: If the article is from PsycARTICLES, extensive details such as degrees and universities attended are included. Often the article itself will include experience or background details of the author(s) that lend authority to the topic being covered. You may also want to search the author name in Google or other databases to see if they have published other works etc. As a last resort, you can refer to the authority of the journal the article is published in. If you have limited your results to “peer-reviewed” that lends authority to the journal title.

Online reference article: If the author is included for the specific article in a reference work, it may have credentials included as well. If not, please note the credibility of the publisher of the reference work by looking up the publisher on Google and include a sentence or two from the publisher website that you feel lends credibility to the publisher.

***Example:** Julia Buxton is a comparative politics professor at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary as well as a drug trafficking expert.”*

3. **Compare and contrast with one other resource** listed in your annotated bibliography. Provide 1-2 sentences comparing how this specific resource is alike or different in the approach to the topic. For example, one resource may provide a general overview of the topic, while a second resource provides a more in-depth analysis of a specific aspect of the topic.

***Example:** “Similar to Jenner’s piece, Buxton takes an international view towards drug trafficking as opposed to a more domestic view.”*

4. Provide 1-2 sentences explaining how the specific resource **contributes in a unique way** to the topic.

***Example:** “Because of Buxton’s more holistic and international view, it adds a unique perspective on my topic of drug trafficking.”*

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Sample Annotation: (2-3 sentences for EACH annotation for a minimum of 8 sentences)

“The author of this book gives a historical overview on drug trafficking as well as a modern outlook on the international drug trade. This book addresses two fundamental concepts; regardless of the original intent, current policies do not work and in fact serve to make it more difficult to stop trafficking, and that many of the international issues in regards to drug trafficking can be blamed on the United States and its policies both domestically and abroad. Similar to Jenner’s piece, Buxton takes an international view towards drug trafficking as opposed to a more domestic view. Julia Buxton is a comparative politics professor at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary as well as a drug trafficking expert. Because of Buxton’s more holistic and international view, it adds a unique perspective on the topic of drug trafficking.