Annotated Bibliography Assignment - SOCIAL ANALYSIS version

Pick a topic in the social sciences that interests you; confirm it with your instructor. Examples of topics you might choose include: marriage laws in Asian countries, immigrant-led labor movements, or the history of public schools in the United States.

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Go the libraries’ website at <https://libraries.usc.edu/>. Under the Research menu, choose “Research Guides.” Research guides are curated collections of resources (like databases, catalogs, websites, archival collections). Choose one of the following guides that most closely reflects your topic, and underline it:

* African American Studies
* American Studies & Ethnicity
* Anthropology
* Asian American Studies
* Business
* Chicano & Latino Studies
* Chinese Studies
* Communication Studies
* Economics
* Education
* Geography
* GLBT Studies
* Holocaust Studies
* International Relations
* Islamic Studies
* Japanese Studies
* Journalism
* Korean Studies
* Latin American Studies
* Native American Studies
* Political Science
* Public Administration & Policy
* Public Relations
* Sociology
* Urban & Regional Planning
* Women’s & Gender Studies

Below, you’ll be asked to find three types of sources. Use the research guide to identify resources where you can search. **For example:** on the Education Research Guide, there are tabs for “Journal Articles,” “Statistics,” and “Print Books & E-Books.” Under the “Journal Articles” tab, you could search the database “Education Full-Text” to find a literature review. Use the descriptions of each database, catalog, or website to judge what sources you could look for there.

Find one of each of the following types of sources, keeping your topic in mind.

**Source 1: Primary source**

*(examples: demographic statistics, diary, text of legislation, video of an interview)*

In which resource (e.g., library catalog, ProQuest) did you find this source?

Under which tab in the research guide is the resource listed?

Search terms used to find the source:

APA citation for the source (see Citation research guide for guidance - <http://libguides.usc.edu/citation>):

What makes this a primary source?

What unique purpose does a primary source bring to a research paper or project on this topic?

**Source 2: Research Study**

*(examples: study of the effects of gender bias in hiring, analysis of a military campaign, ethnographic study of a tribe or city)*

In which resource (e.g., library catalog, ProQuest) did you find this source?

Under which tab in the research guide is the resource listed?

Search terms used to find the source:

APA citation for the source (see Citation research guide for guidance - <http://libguides.usc.edu/citation>):

What makes this a research study?

What unique purpose does a research study bring to a research paper or project on this topic?

**Source 3: Literature Review**

*(examples: review of 20 years of research on political ads, compilation of most influential public policy research)*

In which resource (e.g., library catalog, ProQuest) did you find this source?

Under which tab in the research guide is the resource listed?

Search terms used to find the source:

APA citation for the source (see Citation research guide for guidance - <http://libguides.usc.edu/citation>):

What makes this a literature review?

What unique purpose does a literature review bring to a research paper or project on this topic?