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Annotated Bibliography Peer Response**

The goal of this response is to invite you to see how your peers are composing their annotated bibliographies so you can reflect on your own while simultaneously providing suggestions for improvement. We will focus on the citation and the annotation. They are very different modes of composition and each require different kinds of attention. Follow the steps below.

Before beginning to edit read each citation and annotation. Reading both before you edit will help your edits.

**The Citation**

1. Verify that the style guide that was used to guide the citations is the most recent version. If it is not, locate the most recent version and use it to guide your edits.
2. For each citation complete the following:
   1. Based on the citation and the annotation, determine what kind of source it is (book, journal article, etc.) and locate that source in the style guide the author was using (or, the more recent version).
   2. Verify that the author has chosen the correct style (that they are using the book style for a book, and so on).
   3. Verify that the citation is composed exactly as it should be composed. Be diligent about checking for capitals, italics, commas, periods, colons, etc. Make corrections directly on the draft.
   4. Double-check point c.

**The Annotation**

For each citation complete the following:

1. Verify that the annotation is the correct length (8 – 10 sentences). If shorter then required, note that.
2. Verify that there are no quotations used. If quotations are used, note them and write PARAPHRASE INSTEAD.
3. Does the author discuss what role they think the source could play in their research process and/or final paper? If not, note that this part of the annotation is missing.
4. Is the annotation clear? That is, from what the author has written do you *fully understand* what each source is about (the source’s overall goals, the points and arguments made, the debates the author[s] are entering, and so on)? If not, provide suggestions.