

## Reference List

### Annotated Bibliography

#### Due Dates:

Reference list due October 9

Annotated bibliography due October 16

These assignments will help you establish the context for your research project.

#### Reference List

After identifying your research topic or question, search the scientific literature for articles related to the topic. Your search should yield at least 30 articles. Compile a reference list of these articles. Please use reference format(s) described in Helfield's guide, pages 19-39:

[https://faculty.jmcl.wvu.edu/Field\\_camp/citations\\_helfield.pdf](https://faculty.jmcl.wvu.edu/Field_camp/citations_helfield.pdf)

Similar reference formatting guidance is provided by the journal *Northwest Science*:

<https://www.northwestscience.org/author-guidelines#LiteratureCited>

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After compiling your reference list, review each reference to evaluate relevance to your research topic. Identifying the following three ideas for each source will help you organize the sources, determine which are strongly relevant and which are not, and reveal knowledge gap(s) to orient your research project. For each source in reference list, state the following.

- (1) Main result or message
- (2) Relation to your topic
- (3) Knowledge gap(s) identified (hint: look in paper's Introduction and/or near the end of the Discussion – recommendations for future research)

Your annotated bibliography should consist of a list of your references, with each reference followed by the three statements described above. Your annotated bibliography will prepare you for the next step in your research project, writing a literature review.

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Some people find artificial intelligence (AI) tools to be helpful in conducting literature searches and managing sources. If you would like to utilize AI in ways that maintain your thinking as the driver and conform to WWU's policy on AI use (and non-use), here is a guide:

<https://faculty.jmcl.wvu.edu/Field.intro/literature.AI.guide.pdf>