**Annotated Bibliographies**

**THE PROCESS**

A) Cite the book, article, document, or website using the appropriate style. (MLA)

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B) Write a concise annotation that summarizes the central theme and scope of the book or article. Include the following:

1. Explain the author’s expertise, point of view, and any bias he/she may have.
2. Establish the credibility of the publisher/website. What about the source makes it trustworthy? (examples: .edu, peer edited, journal of experts in the field, blog or discussion board for experts in the field, etc.)
3. Describe the main ideas, arguments, themes, theses, or methodology, and identify the intended audience.
4. Compare to other sources on the same topic that you have also cited to show similarities and differences.
5. Explain the extent to which the source is useful for your research topic and how it relates to your topic.

* List your sources alphabetically by author. If no author, by source.
* Each annotation should be one paragraph, between three to six sentences long (about 150- 200 words).
* All lines should be double-spaced. Do not add an extra line between the citations.
* You may or may not choose to bold print the citation only.
* Fonts: size 10-12, arial, times or Helvetica.
* 1-inch margins on all sides.

*EXAMPLE:*

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**Amar, Akhil Reed, and Charles Fried. “Should the Electoral College Be Abolished?” *The New York Times*, The New York Times, 16 Nov. 2016, www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2016/11/16/should-the-electoral-college-be-abolished.**

Akhil Reed Amar is a professor of law and political science at Yale University and the author of many articles and books on the Constitution. Charles Fried is a law professor at Harvard Law School. He was solicitor general of the United States from 1985 to 1989. The *New York Times* is respected worldwide for its responsible journalism. This article is from their opinion page and pits Fried’s defense for keeping the Electoral College against Amar’s preference to abolish it. Fried’s primary reason for supporting the Electoral College is that the founders intended to empower states, not citizens in our new republic. Amar recognizes that federalism is a fundamental part of American government but argues that since states do not use an Electoral College to elect their governors the national government should not use it to choose the president. While both contributors are highly respected constitutional scholars, this source differs from others in that it is from an opinion page. The pro-con format was especially helpful in preparing this presentation.

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