What’s an Annotated Bibliography?
Creating an Annotated Bibliography...
Let’s get started

- Identify and gather a **variety** of sources aiming to include books, texts, print and electronic articles.

- TIP! Go to [FFSS Home](#) Page
  Go to [Library Tab](#)
  Go to [Reference Desk](#)
  Go to [GALE; EBSCO etc.](#)

- Read or at least skim each source and make some general notes.

- Make sure that you know how to cite sources for your bibliography correctly (using the APA style, Chicago or MLA )

# NOT SURE ASK
Format of the Annotated Bibliography...

1. Citation
   - Each source is listed in correct form (APA, Chicago or MLA).
   - Sources are listed in alphabetical order by the author’s last name.

2. Annotation
   - A summary note, written in paragraph form, follows each source. The summary note will include a summary, an evaluation and a connection to the thesis and or arguments you will be making in your paper. (See next slides for more details) *
What to include in the Annotation...

- Summarize
- Evaluate
- Reflect & Connect

without using personal pronouns!!!!
What to include in the Annotation...

Summarize

- Include a sentence or two on the general topic or research question that the work addresses.
- Is it an essay, a news article, an opinion paper, a text and so on? How is the book or article organized? Who is the intended audience?
- Describe the author’s methodology. What kinds of sources did he or she use?
- Describe the main topics covered.
- Using the *Verbs for Referring to Sources* handout, describe the thesis and main arguments.
Evaluate

- What kind of authority does this person have regarding this topic? Is this a useful source? Is the information reliable?
- What do you think the author’s motivation or purpose is? Is the source biased or objective?
- Are the arguments convincing? What are the strengths and weaknesses of the arguments? *
Reflect & Connect

- Describe how the source is relevant to your topic
- Describe how it will fit in with your argument or research. How does it help you shape your argument? How can you use this source in your research project?
- Has the source changed how you think about your topic?
- Has it raised additional questions for you? *