

This project requires that you provide some references (the number varies with the specific assignment) and that you use *only* “peer reviewed” resources. Your library database search engine includes “peer review” as a limitation on the search criteria, and I highly recommend using it in order to get through this part of the assignment.

That said, some less rigorously edited resources for additional citations may be allowable but with extreme caution. Quality institutes with the extension “.org” are *usually* reliable but even they require caution and often are politically and ideologically driven. Examples might be the conservative CATO Institute and the Heritage Foundation, both ideologically conservative, yet of a high quality. Or, on the other side of the spectrum, The Center for American Progress, and the Economic Policy Institute which are more liberal. The point being that even sources that appear, or even are, academic in quality and purpose, are often with “purpose,” and may be too selective in their own references and interpretations of research. Additionally articles that are from sites with the extension “.edu” are usually quite safe, but this doesn’t mean that the author is not expressing bias. A quick look at several articles or their abstracts may give you a clue as to continuity and/or controversy. All in all, “peer reviewed” journal articles are really the absolute safest place for finding quality information in spite of their inherent “human” limitations.

As an example of format, I stole this from the internet. It is pretty clear. Note that it includes journal name, date, volume number, issue number and a link if there is one. The annotation must be in your own words. It claims to be APA, which is the Excelsior preferred format.

SAMPLE ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ENTRY FOR A JOURNAL ARTICLE:

[But remember, your description for this assignment must include why and how it applies to your topic. Just copying

the abstract (which these may actually be) is not sufficient. An example is at the end of this paper.]

The following example uses the APA format for the journal citation.*

Waite, L. J., Goldschneider, F. K., & Witsberger, C. (1986). Nonfamily living and the erosion of traditional family orientations among young adults. *American Sociological Review*, 51 (4), 541-554.

The authors, researchers at the Rand Corporation and Brown University, use data from the National Longitudinal Surveys of Young Women and Young Men to test their hypothesis that nonfamily living by young adults alters their attitudes, values, plans, and expectations, moving them away from their belief in traditional sex roles. They find their hypothesis strongly supported in young females, while the effects were fewer in studies of young males. Increasing the time away from parents before marrying increased individualism, self-sufficiency, and changes in attitudes about families. In contrast, an earlier study by Williams cited below shows no significant gender differences in sex role attitudes as a result of nonfamily living.

This example uses the MLA format for the journal citation. NOTE: Standard MLA practice requires double spacing within citations.

Waite, Linda J., Frances Kobrin Goldscheider, and Christina Witsberger. "Nonfamily Living and the Erosion of Traditional Family Orientations Among Young Adults." *American Sociological Review* 51.4 (1986): 541-554. Print.

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YOUR annotation would be more like this:

Using data from the National Longitudinal Surveys this study supports my research on the importance of popular perceptions of "traditional sex roles" in the context of gender identity. The differences in the results between young males and young females may be important and lead to other areas of my topic.

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ADDENDUM:

SHORTCUTS for making an annotated bibliography using MS Word. This will save you beaucoup time.

MS Word 2007: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPZafaeA784>

MS Word 2010 (10 min): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beUqUoX7U4w>

MS Word 2010 (5 min) :
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0X6ds9B9ipM&playnext=1&list=PL272FEF761F2C8778&feature=results_main

MS Word 2008 for Mac (3 min): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zze1oz0TuHE>