

LIB 120 Assignment #5 Annotated Bibliography, Part 2: Academic Search Premier (EBSCOhost)

For this assignment, you'll use Academic Search Premier to find **four** articles relevant to your Semester Project topic.

- *At least two of the articles you find must be scholarly articles.*
- *Each article must be at least two pages long.*
- *Articles must not be book reviews.*

What's In This for You?

- Practice using a general reference database
- Improved Boolean searching and research skills
- Increased ability to determine whether an article is scholarly, popular, or special interest
- Citations, annotations, and supporting materials for four articles for your semester project

Please let me know if you have any questions about or problems with this project!

Getting to Academic Search Premier

From the University Libraries home page at <http://www.uri.edu/library/>, click on "Reference Databases." Click on "General & Reference."

Click on the name of the first database, "Academic Search Premier (EBSCOhost)."

Searching for Articles

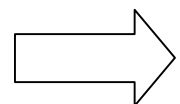
Enter your search terms in the boxes provided, using AND to separate different concepts, e.g. *privacy AND surveillance*. Refer to your Search Strategy Forms (Assignment #2) if you need ideas.

You will probably want to specify that you want articles with greater than 2 pages in the "Number of Pages" boxes. Click on "Search."

Once your results appear, use the **Sort by:** menu on the right hand side of the page to change your results from Date order to **Relevance** order.

Selecting the Best Articles

Look through at least two pages of results, and pick only those that closely match your research needs!



Get Supporting Materials

Once you've found a citation to a good article, locate the actual article. The article may be:

- a. Available in Academic Search Premier (look for HTML or PDF Full Text links below the citation).
- b. Available in another database (click on the Search for Full-Text link and look for a link to the Article - write down the name of the Resource and write it on the back of the article's full record).
- c. Available in the library (if online holdings are not found, scroll down to Search the HELIN Library Catalog, and click on By Journal ISSN. Write down the call number and locate the article in the library).

Print or photocopy the first page of the article, and attach it to this sheet.

Print the full record for the article (which you can get by clicking on the article's title) and attach the full record of the article to this sheet.

Creating Your Citation

Using the database's export options or the citation manager of your choice, create a citation for each article, providing all relevant information. The citation must follow MLA format. If you find an article in full text on-line, don't forget to document the database information in your citation. In RefWorks, put the name of the database into the **Database** blank, the vendor's name in the **Data Source** blank, and the first part of the URL into the **Link** blank.

Annotating Your Articles

For each article, write an annotation in your own words. This should only be about 5-6 sentences, but make sure you really look at the article with a critical eye and explain how closely it matches what you are looking for. Remember to include:

- The summary of the article: what is it really about?
- How is this article relevant (or not) to your research? What will you use this article to discuss?
- What are the specific credentials that show that the author qualified to discuss the topic?

Also indicate whether you think that the article is from a popular magazine; a professional, trade, or special interest periodical; or a scholarly journal, and explain why you think so, noting specific aspects of the article.

Documenting the Process

Finally, write a Research Log entry describing all the steps you took to find the articles and how the research process went for you. As usual, this should be typed, 1 pg. max.

What You're Handing In

1. One or two pages with your citations, annotations, and note as to the type of publication.
2. The first page of the record for each article and a printout or photocopy of the first page of the article. [8 or more pages]
3. Your 1 page Research Log entry.