

Transparently Designed Annotated Bibliography Assignment

Purpose

This assignment will help you explore one research article. An annotated bibliography will help you practice the skills of finding a peer-reviewed article, summarize that article into a concise format, and share a brief analysis of the article for you to consider.

You are often asked to find scholarly resources for your assignments. An annotated bibliography is an organization strategy to help you sort out important information from a research article to highlight key findings and points to use in your paper. It stops you from trying to pull random facts from a paper and prevents you from plagiarizing the source. The annotated bibliography highlights key points, themes, and relevance, making it easy to revisit sources as you work on your paper. You do not need to reread the same article repeatedly, but instead you can read your one-page annotated bibliography to keep you on track.

Task

Article Selection

1. Find the PICO research question that you developed in class the day that the Librarians came to class. You will use this question for your annotated bibliography assignment.
2. Review the materials from the presentation from the Librarians how to complete a database search. *Tip: The primary database for nursing is CINAHL.*
3. Using the directions from the Librarians, search for a peer-reviewed research article related to your PICO question that meets the following criteria: 1) article is published in the last 7 years and 2) includes at least one nursing author.
 - a. *Tips: [Review this information](#) about peer-reviewed articles to help your search. Remember that you can get help from the library with your search.*
4. Once the article is selected, read the article to prepare for your paper. *Tip: [Review How to Read a Scholarly Article](#) from Florida State Universities Libraries to help as you read.*

Writing of Paper

1. Review the PowerPoint (link) from class that discussed the parts of a research article.
2. APA citation of the article should be at the top of the page. *Tip: Review the resources from class on APA of journal articles.*
3. Create a concise summary paragraph (approximately 150-200 words) providing an overview of the research including:
 - a. Problem identification
 - b. Purpose of the research
 - c. Research design/methodology
 - d. Sample characteristics
 - e. Data collection procedures
 - f. Key findings
4. This template provides guidance on how to create a summary paragraph.
 - a. The research article titled [Title of the Article] explores [brief overview of the research topic]. The problem identified in the study pertains to [clearly articulate the research problem]. The purpose of the research is to [state the aim or objective of the study]. The research design utilized in this study is [mention the type of research design employed]. The sample method involved [briefly describe the sampling technique] with a sample size of [number] participants. Data were collected using [describe the data collection instruments] and the procedure involved [briefly outline the data collection process]. The findings of the research indicate [summarize the key findings].

5. Create a critical analysis paragraph (approximately 150-200 words) discussing the strengths and limitations of the research including:
 - a. Clarity of problem and purpose
 - b. Strengths and weaknesses of the research design, methodology, sampling, and data collection procedures
 - c. Extent of instrument reliability and validity reported
 - d. Overall readability and organization of the article
 - e. Generalizability of findings to nursing

Submission

- Format should be one-page, typed, single-spaced, with double space between sections
- Use 12-point font and one-inch margins
- Submit your assignment to the Canvas assignment box by Monday, March 13 at 10:00 pm.

Criteria

Use this checklist to ensure that your assignment is ready for submission. The assignment is worth 40 points.

- Peer-reviewed article includes one nursing author and is from the last 7 years
- Peer-reviewed article is related to your PICO question
- APA citation of the article is listed on top of the paper
- First paragraph is an overview of the article
- Second paragraph is a critical analysis of the article
- Compare your assignment to the rubric below to ensure you meet all criteria

Annotated Bibliography Rubric

The number of points for each category is indicated in parenthesis.

CATEGORY	Exemplary	Good	Inadequate
Citation	APA format is used, and all required information is included in the citation such as author, date, title, journal title, volume, and page number and if it was an electronic copy. (4)	One piece of information is missing from the citation or one APA violation. (2-3)	Two or more pieces of information are missing from the citation or two or more APA violations (0-2)
Summary	All aspects of summary included in concise manner such as problem, purpose, design, sampling method and descriptive information, data collection, and findings. (15-16)	One or two aspects of summary missing in paper. (10-14)	Three or more aspects of summary missing in paper. (5-9)
Discussion	All aspects of the study related to strengths and limitations are to be discussed such as: design, sample, instruments, organization, and how the research can be applicable to nursing and be generalized. (15-16).	One or two aspects of strengths and limits missing in paper. (10-14)	Three or more aspects of strengths and limits missing in paper. (5-9).
Formatting	Formatting specifications are followed. including one page limit, single-spaced, 12 point font, and one inch margins. Appropriate grammar and spelling are used. (4)	One violation of formatting specifications. (2-3)	Two or more violations of formatting specifications. (0-2)