

A few comments and ideas related to the (draft) annotated bibliography.

Due Dates.

The due date for the (draft) annotated bibliography is Wednesday 26 September 2018 and that was clearly communicated. The reason for setting firm due dates is simple: time management - both for you and for your instructor. That being said: it is ultimately up to you to manage your time for yourself and it is up to you to meet or not to meet a due date - you obviously have to balance many competing demands for your time and attention. I respect that and therefore do not impose any penalties associated with missing this due (or most other) due dates associated with this project. The only exception is Monday 19 November 2018 @ 15:00.

The Annotated Bibliography.

Remember: this is a literature review/synthesis paper and the annotated bibliography is an effective way for you to keep track of sources and document the sources that you have explored and studied in more detail = it is a 'file cabinet' or 'kitchen pantry' for good and relevant sources that you intend to use in your paper.

- The annotated bibliography is NOT an unnecessary burden that professors have invented to keep students busy.
- The annotated bibliography is a KEY step in any meaningful research process.
- The annotated bibliography is a KEY part of the research paper, undergraduate thesis, or dissertation.

Mix of Sources.

All sources have to be reliable (CRAP Test them) and in most cases you want to use a nice variety of sources: from fancy peer-reviewed scientific journal articles to professional reports to high-quality journalistic pieces to relevant opinion pieces and more. Consider (and use if you want) these three examples:

- [Theisen et al. \(2013\)](#) - a peer-reviewed scientific article.
- [In Search of Shelter \(2009\)](#) - a professional report written by a variety of authors and published by CARE International.
- [Heating up tensions](#) - a journalistic article published in Nature Climate Change.

Social Conflicts and the USA.

A lot of the obvious literature and sources related to this topic focus on 'extreme' conflicts far away from our daily life. But it is important to remember is that social conflicts due to or amplified by climate change can be found everywhere, from your own neighborhood to

countries/conflicts on the other side of the world. Issues of environmental justice (or rather the lack thereof) can and should be discussed at any spatial scale.

The USA is fundamentally no different from any other country when it comes to the issue of climate change impacts and social conflicts - consider, for example, our different responses to Hurricane Harvey (Texas) and Hurricane Maria (Puerto Rico): how can we explain that?

Or consider the predicted costs of climate change across the USA: how do you explain these spatial patterns and the clear association between economic damage and poverty?

<http://www.governing.com/topics/transportation-infrastructure/gov-counties-climate-change-damages-economic-effects-map.html>

Figure and Tables.

Find as many interesting and relevant figures as you can - be that pictures, charts, or tables with interesting data. Copy/paste the figures (and the source) into your Google Doc (aka the kitchen sink) - at this point you don't know yet which of these figures will make it into the final version of the paper.

10/3/1.

Many of you are too focused on these numbers: 10 sources, 3 figures, 1 table.

First, remember it is always "or more" - the numbers are ultimately up to you. Second, there is nothing magical about these numbers - as with due dates they are simply there for guidance, to help you be organized, and to help you prepare a professional product at the end. Third, let your curiosity be your guide and don't just stop being curious when you reached 10/3/1.

Professional Work.

Please make sure that you follow the instructions of the assignment(s) - please ask yourself:

Did I submit a professional product that I could use a writing sample in a interview to convince somebody to hire me for job, internship, or graduate assistantship?

That's a useful standard that you can apply to anything you do here at Westfield State University.