

# English B1a – Expository Composition

## Annotated Bibliography

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**Assignment:** Write an annotated bibliography based on sources accessed for your research paper

An annotated bibliography is like a Works Cited page, except each entry is similar to a précis of the source.

**Method:**

- Use the sources you have researched for your Research Paper.  
(Each source must be at least two pages in length.)
- Summarize, assess, and reflect on each source.
- Prepare a minimum of a 4–7 sentence paragraph for each annotation.
  - Include at least one quotation from your source in each annotation.

**Types of Sources Required:**

- Minimum of eight (8) scholarly/academic sources
  - The annotations must be based on sources you may use for your paper.
  - The annotations may focus on the area of the source you may use for your paper.
- No web sites, reviews, or abstracts.

**Format:**

- Typed, MLA
- Typeface: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12 pt.
  
- The annotations in your final draft of the annotated bibliography must be in alphabetical order.

See the reverse side of this page for an example of how the annotated entries are to be presented in your Annotated Bibliography.

**Due date:** (See the research paper assignment for the due date)

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Aaron, Jane A. *The Little, Brown Essential Handbook*. Little Brown, 2015. With each of your annotations, you will want to include a summary of the main argument that the author is presenting, a quotation that can be used as support for your thesis, and a reflection/discussion on how the source is pertinent to your particular paper. The next entry is an example of how you may present an annotation.

Dalai Lama. "Ethics and the New Genetics." *Emerging: Contemporary Readings for Writers*. Bedford, 2013. pp. 133 – 140. The author begins his essay by stating the problems with genetic engineering. He points out a possible problem with "By manipulating the gene, we are on the cusp of forcing an unnaturally quick rate of change in animals and plants as well as our own species" (Dalai Lama 133). The author contends that genetic modification can lead to unexpected and unwanted changes. The social implication of these changes is that society will not be ready to accept the results. This particular part of the essay will be particularly helpful in establishing my direction and definitions in my paper.

Wright, Richard. "The Man Who Killed a Shadow." *Spooks, Spies, and Private Eyes*. Ed. Paula L. Woods. Doubleday, 1995. pp. 89-101. This particular entry, as you can see, is an essay included in an anthology. Be very careful you do not get editors mixed up with authors. The editor collects the works included in the book/anthology. The author is the person who wrote the essay the editor collected. Also, remember that the entries are in alphabetical order, according to the author's last name.