

## **Annotated Bibliography**

An annotation is a short note intended to give a small amount of information about something. Therefore, an annotated bibliography is a bibliography with notes about each source, indicating what information can be found in it and if it is particularly strong on certain pieces of information. The idea is that someone doing research could read an annotated bibliography and determine which sources are better suited for their research project.

For example, it has been estimated that so many books have been written about someone or something related to the U.S. Civil War that it averages close to 400 books a year written every year since 1865. Given such a staggering number it is not possible for a scholar to read even a majority of the books. For that reason, the scholar would find an annotated bibliography very useful in determining which books, journal articles, et cetera, would be of the most use.

**The Project:** You will compile an annotated bibliography that a researcher could use for a topic within the Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment. Your bibliography should be able to help researchers find information on the following items:

1. Three scientists from the Scientific Revolution, both biographical information as well as information on their work.
2. Three philosophes from the Enlightenment, both biographical information as well as information on their work.
3. The history of the Enlightenment, English Civil War, or Scientific Revolution and how these events impacted each other.
4. The culture of the salons of the philosophes – attitudes of the time, their outlook on life, ideas that were being discussed
5. The goals of the Enlightenment and also how it impacted the development of the United States
6. The reaction of people to absolute monarchs such as Louis XIV and Charles I

**The Product:** Your annotated bibliography will be done in NoodleTools. The bibliography will have a total of 10 sources fully annotated.

You must have the following sources:

2 books found in the Simsbury High School LMC

3 books, journals or magazines found using databases

3 encyclopedias / reference books found using databases

2 Websites that are reliable (they end in .edu or .org or found through Web Express in Destiny)

**The annotations must be written in the third person.** Remember information is more than just text, but includes maps, charts, images, artwork and architecture. Think about what a person would need in order to thoroughly answer any of the above questions.

***Schedule for completion:***

Day 1 (2 entries completed)	_____/5
Day 2 (6 entries completed)	_____/5
Day 3 (10 entries completed)	_____/5
Annotated Bibliography	_____/50
Total	_____/65