Writing an Annotated Bibliography
Why write an annotated bibliography?

- It provides information for future use for you and for other readers.
- It gives the reader a brief idea of what types of sources are available.
- It gives the reader a brief idea of what the individual sources provide.
How should sources be evaluated?

- Authority – who wrote the source?
- Currency – how old is the information?
- Accuracy – does the information in one source reflect other information?
- Purpose – why was the work written?
- Publisher – who wants to make this information available?
What could be included in the annotation?

- Description of the content
- The intended audience
- Currency of the information / publication
- Reliability of the resource (i.e. Is there an obvious bias?)
- The author’s conclusions
- Usefulness of the resource for your project
What should an annotated bibliography look like?

- It should be arranged alphabetically by the author’s last name.
- Use the correct writing style guide.
- Annotations are usually brief paragraphs, using economy of language.
De Luca and Buell chronicle the advent of the "demonization" of U.S. politics, emphasizing how modern political campaigns prefer to debate character and personal lives over issues and policies. Beginning with the Clinton impeachment, moving through the “war on terror,” to the 2004 presidential campaign, De Luca and Buell show how political demonization continues to grow and how it hurts democracy. Both authors have experience as political science professors, and use copious notes to support and to validate their claims. An insightful look at American political campaign tactics, this book provides a fresh perspective on what we call “politics as usual.”