Guidelines for an Annotated Bibliography

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History 3151: History of the British Isles

History of the British Isles

For this assignment, you are to select a topic in British history before 1650 and collect articles and books as if you were going to write a term paper on the subject. Your bibliography should have at least 10 sources, four of which must be articles and four of which must be books. Judging which texts and articles are good resources is part of this assignment. Articles should be selected from reputable scholarly journals, such as Past and Present, Social History, Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies, History Today, Albion, Contemporary Review, Journal of Modern History, Church History, Sixteenth Century Journal, English Historical Review, and Renaissance Quarterly. If you are in doubt about a journal, ask. Books should be written by historians and generally the more current the better.

Next, read the articles and skim the books. To skim, read the preface and introduction to the books and survey the table of contents. Take notes as you read about the content and argument of each article/book.

Format

The bibliography must be typed on unlined, 8½-by-11-inch paper, using a ribbon dark enough to produce legible type. Entries should be single-spaced, with a double space between each entry. The paper should be typed in a 10- or 12-point font, and have a 1-inch margin on all sides. Number each page. Staple the pages together in the upper left-hand corner. Do not use a cover sheet. Do not use a folder of any kind.

Length

A minimum of 10 entries with at least four articles and four books included.

Heading

The heading should include your name, the course number, the quarter and year, at the top of the first page. (Again, do not attach a cover page to your bibliography.) Then give the publication information on the book you are reviewing, arranged, and punctuated as follows:


After the bibliographical information, write a brief summary of the article/book. Your summary should be 4-5 sentences long and should summarize the contents and argument of the article or book. One way to check if you are doing this correctly is to ask yourself if you are giving your reader a sense of how the items in your bibliography differ from one another.

At the end of your bibliography, please list in order of preference your choices for the book review. Your choices should be books that are contained in your annotated bibliography.

**Suggested List of Topics**

The following list is meant to get you thinking. In general, individuals tend to be a difficult topic. Many, many biographies tend to be poorly written. I will not restrict you from choosing an individual, but I will be very particular about the quality of the sources you choose. Some of the topics below will require considerable narrowing.

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