

Annotated Bibliography

Your annotated bibliography is your map of the philosophical landscape surrounding your topic. Who are the key thinkers writing about your topic? What are the key texts they have read? What questions are they asking? What are their answers? (Keep in mind that we don't want you to pick some random sources at the very last minute—make sure that you make time to find sources that are truly and substantially relevant to your capstone.)

Read as widely and as deeply as you can. Try to find the most “central” sources—the articles or chapters that everyone else is citing when they are discussing your topic. Then write an annotated bibliography. This should consist of citations for 7-10 of the most important sources on your topic (journal articles or chapters from scholarly books). You should read at least some of these articles or chapters, and skim the rest. Write down the citation for each source (in whatever citation format you intend to use for your paper). In your bibliography, provide an annotation for each one. An annotation is 3-5 sentences that summarize the main topic and thesis of each source, and briefly comment on how it is relevant to your thesis proposal.