**Annotated Bibliography Assignment**

Based on your final research question, find **15-20** scholarly sources (research journal articles or academic books) that help you construct your argument. For each source, write a paragraph (4-5 sentences), which both:

* Summarizes the key findings of the source
* Analyzes how it fits within the larger literature on the topic
* Begins to tie into your larger argument
* Make links between sources – how are they in conversation with each other? Do any of your sources cite each other?

As you read each source, ask yourself these questions:

* What was the author(s) research question?
* Was their method adequate to answer the research question?
* Did the article largely agree with prior literature or point out an issue with prior research? If the former, how does it extend our prior knowledge? If the latter, has the debate been resolved or is the debate still active?
* How applicable are the findings to what you want to study? Does it contribute more to your substantive topic or possible methods?

Resources:

* Duke Library’s Social Science resources:
  + <https://guides.library.duke.edu/sociology>
  + <https://guides.library.duke.edu/c.php?g=613305&p=4261020>
* Annual Review of Sociology journal: <https://www.annualreviews.org/journal/soc>
* University of Washington annotated bibliography guide: <https://guides.lib.uw.edu/research/iss/bibliography>

Rubric:

|  | **Meets Expectations** | **Does Not Meet Expectations** |
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| *Lists 15-20 peer-reviewed, scholarly sources published 2012-2022* |  |  |
| *Citations alphabetized by authors’ last names* |  |  |
| *All texts properly cited in APA format* |  |  |
| *Concisely written, 200-300 word paragraphs* |  |  |
| *Spare use of quoted material (no more than 2-3 short quotes)* |  |  |
| *Contains limited or no spelling or grammar errors* |  |  |
| *All sources are clearly relevant and useful for understanding topic* |  |  |
| *Selected texts cohere around answering the research question* |  |  |
| *Annotations summarize main ideas of texts* |  |  |
| *Focus on key findings, not methodological details* |  |  |
| *Annotations evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of sources* |  |  |
| *Make links across sources, referencing other cited texts* |  |  |
| *Indicate how sources can be used to answer research question* |  |  |
| *Show critical thinking and thoughtful analysis of sources* |  |  |