

HST 251, Spring 2017

Annotated bibliography assignment sheet

Research due: **Wednesday, March 15**. Bring to class your list of resources in your chosen bibliographic style. (You don't have to have them annotated yet). **Bring a printed copy to class**. There are printers in the library or in Berkey Hall.

Draft due **Monday, March 20**. Some of your sources should be annotated by this point. **Bring a printed copy to class**.

Final bibliography due: **Monday, March 27**. Send it in an email to both Alice Lynn and Brandon by 5 pm.

An annotated bibliography is a list of resources with an explanation of what makes them relevant to a research project.

For this assignment, you must collect at least ten scholarly sources about your research topic. (The final project may require more, but this will give you a good start). These should include a variety of sources including printed books, scholarly journals, and web-based scholarly resources. This requires using both the physical MSU library as well as its online resources.

For extra information:

Use MLA, APA, or Chicago Manual of Style citations.

Purdue Owl

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/>

Cornell resource on annotated bibliographies

<https://www.library.cornell.edu/research/citation/tutorial>

History Help Rooms

<http://www.socialscience.msu.edu/students/office-student-affairs-and-services/helprooms/history-iah-iss-schedule/>

For this assignment:

Name:

Research topic (general):

Research questions you hope to answer:

Citation style you plan to use (MLA, APA, or Chicago):

Annotated bibliography of at least ten resources.

Each entry in the annotated bibliography must have:

- bibliographic entry
- annotation for that entry (briefly address author's argument or reason for writing, and how using this source could contribute to studying your topic and answering your research questions)
- what makes this an appropriate, scholarly source for your project

Examples:

Name: Alice Lynn McMichael

Research topic: Byzantine geography and literature

Citation style: Chicago Manual of Style

Research questions you hope to answer: How is geography used in the *Life of Saint Theodore of Sykeon*? What kinds of places are mentioned by the author? Can a visualization of those places tell us more about late antique Asia Minor?

Annotated Bibliography:

Dawes, Elizabeth A. S., and Norman Hepburn Baynes, trans. "The Life of St. Theodore of Sykeon." In *Three Byzantine Saints: Contemporary Biographies*, 85–192. Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1996.

This book is an English translation of a Byzantine primary source, a biography of a saint, with an introduction by the translators that gives scholarly background information on the author and its subject. I will use a digitized version of the text for my text analysis to extract place names. An MSU research librarian pointed out that it was published by recognized Byzantine scholars.

Cormack, Robin. *Writing in Gold: Byzantine Society and Its Icons*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1985.

Robin Cormack is a noted Byzantine scholar who looks at Byzantine society by examining images of saints. He discusses the history of Theodore of Sykeon extensively in Chapter 1 of this book. This is useful for my argument because he discusses how images of Theodore were used throughout Byzantium, so I can make comparisons to how Theodore's story was told in Asia Minor versus Greece. The book is a secondary source that was published through an academic (university) press.