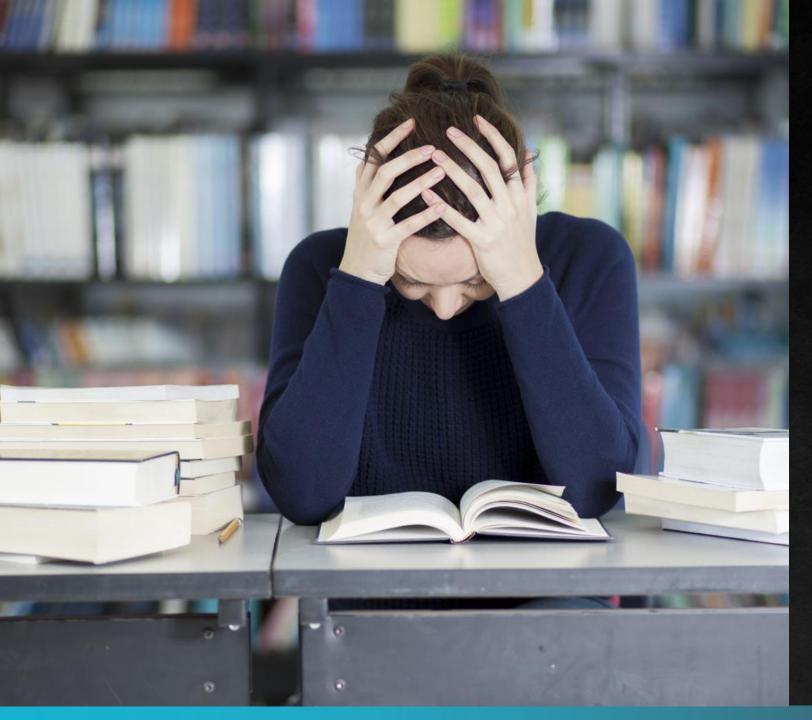


# Writing an Annotated Bibliography

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Have you ever gotten
halfway through a paper,
only to realize your sources
repeat the same
information, contradict
each other, or fail to
completely address your
research question?

#### Three Basic Skills

- Creating a Reference
- Summarizing a Source
- Critically Evaluating a Source

## The Annotated Bibliography Demystified



Steps 1 & 2: Research and References



Step 3: Alphabetize





Step 4: Summarize



Step 5: Evaluate



Step 6: Reflect

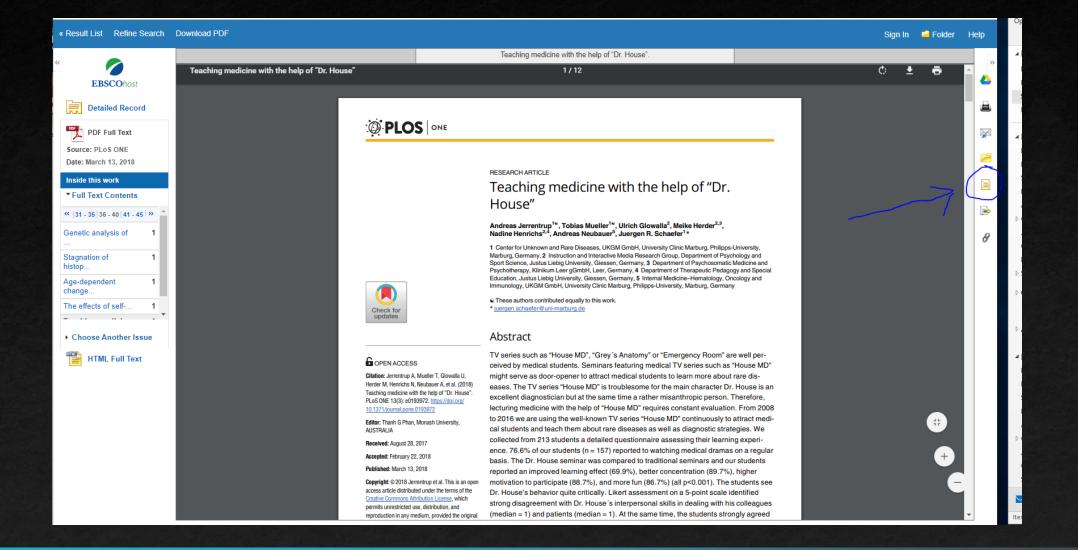
#### Step 1

- Define your research question
- Narrow your research
- Conduct your research to find answers
  - Internet search to get the big picture
  - Database search to find solid academic sources

#### Step 2: References

- Jerrentrup, A., Mueller, T., Glowalla, U., Herder, M., Henrichs, N., Neubauer, A., & Schaefer, J. R. (2018). Teaching medicine with the help of "Dr. House." *PLoS ONE, 13*(3), Article e0193972. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0193972">https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0193972</a>
- APA Style Blog (<a href="https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/">https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/</a>)
- Database Citation Tool

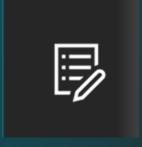
#### Citation Tool



#### Step 3

- Alphabetize your references
- It's best to get this step done right away.
- Tip: save your alphabetized reference list for use with your paper in its finished form.
  - Add or remove references as you use them in the paper.
  - No last minute scramble when the paper is finished

#### Step 4: Summarize



For short sources:

Write one sentence summarizing each paragraph.



For long sources:

Write one sentence summarizing sections or related groups of paragraphs.



Revise:

Summary should be clear and concise.

Be impartial.

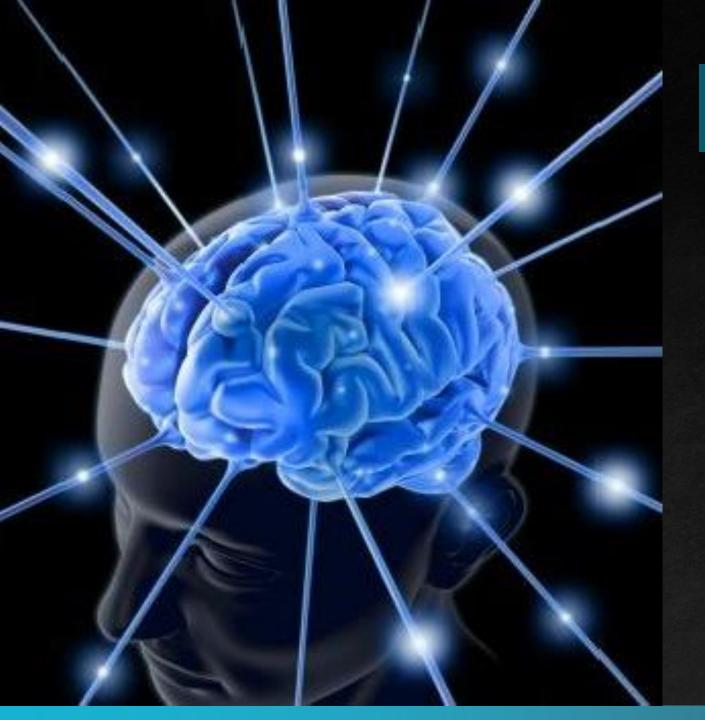
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Write in 3<sup>rd</sup> person.



### Step 5: Evaluate your Sources

- Your credibility is your sources' credibility
- Here are some questions to guide you:
  - Is this information reliable?
  - Is this source current?
  - Is the author credible?
  - Is the source objective or biased?
  - Is the publisher/journal/periodical reputable?



#### Step 6: Reflect

- How will you use this source?
- Here are some questions to guide you:
  - How does this source answer your research question?
  - How does this source shape your understanding of the subject?
  - How is this source different from your other sources?
  - Does this source repeat information from other sources?

#### The End

