Annotated Bibliography

I know those are some pretty big words. So what is this annotated bibliography thing? This is a way to organize and keep track of your research. While you find all eight of your sources, you need to keep track of the information you'll need for your citations later and the information that's in your source.

For each source, you will need to follow the style guides below, and write a one paragraph summary of the information you think you want to use out of the source. This seems like a lot of work now, but this will save your life later! Instead of having a million tabs open on your computer, you can look in one place for all of your research and keep track of it. Or instead of trying to remember which of the eight sources you had your person's birth place and date, you can quickly find the vital information from your annotated bibliography.

As you find reliable sources, write down the information you want to use from it, and then put those into a paragraph format.

Style Guides for Citations

As you're looking for sources, these things will help you keep track of information you'll need to cite things properly. The big thing to understand about some internet sources is that they won't necessarily have ALL the required information. Collect as much as you can, and make your citations.

Is your source a:

Book?

For books you need this information:
- Author's Last Name,
- Author's First Name.
- Title of Book.
- Publisher,
- Publication Date

Magazine or Newspaper

You'll need:
- Author(s).
- "Title of Article."
- Title of Periodical,
- Day
- Month
- Year,
- Pages.

A Page on a Website

You'll need:
- Author.
- Title of the Page.
- Access Date (The date you looked at it)
- URL (web address)

For anything that wasn't listed here, search Purdue OWL and look at their style guides.