Annotated Bibliography Grading Criteria

This write-up summarizes how the standard writing criteria — content, organization, writing, and polish — will be applied to annotated bibliographies.

1. **Content (40%)**: In the case of an annotated bibliography, the “content” consists of the breadth and selection of reviewed literature, plus the quality of the annotations for each item. In other words, the focus is not only on *what* you say about your readings but also on *how* you found and chose them.

2. **Organization (30%)**: The main factor behind organization in your annotated bibliography is whether you effectively extracted and presented the four primary pieces of information that should be extracted from all items read. These items should be clearly identified and expressed, for every citation in the bibliography.

3. **Writing (20%)**: The writing criterion remains the same as with other written work — Are statements clear and easy to follow? Is the language precise and grammatically correct? Is the paper’s tone appropriate?

4. **Polish (10%)**: Like writing, the polish criterion is also generally the same — Is the content properly proofread? Are there any misspellings, typos, or other formatting faux pas? Specifically, accurate recording of citation information (authors, titles, journals, etc.) will be considered. Since you are pretty much just copying this data from their original sources, it is reasonable to expect a high degree of correctness from them.