

Preparing an Annotated Bibliography

1. Write down your research question
2. Write down 5-8 related keywords, ideas, subjects

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Tips for generating keywords

- Pull the nouns out of your research question
- Think in categories (who, what, where, when)
- Generate synonyms (similar concepts go by different names in different fields)

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Contextual	Background on the historical, political, or geographic context of your topic	Demographic information, policy surveys, histories
Methodological	How scholars study your type of topic	Ethnography, oral history, archival research, etc.
Theoretical	Conceptual frameworks for interpreting evidence	Gilmore's "organized abandonment," Davis's "abolition democracy", etc.
Related	Scholarship arguing about the same topic or sources as you	THE MOST CRITICAL

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(peer exchange - 7 minutes)

- Does their research question match the sources?
 - Suggest another keyword or search term
 - Which category needs stronger source material?
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