

FINAL PROJECT PART 2 - RESEARCH

Submit in writing the topic you have chosen for your presentation with a list of at least three sources of information you are planning to use as references. For each of the sources, write a paragraph describing how you are going to use it in your paper and/or presentation. You can see the example annotated bibliography on the next page.

You are looking for high quality primary sources, which means you cannot use a reference in place of a source. Rather, you will need an original and in-depth presentation by an expert in the field. You will also need to find at least one “traditional” source that is not a mere website, but rather a journal, a book, etc.

Consider the following features when looking for high quality primary sources:

- (a) It cannot be an encyclopedia article, so no Wikipedia, no Britannica, no reference of any kind. It cannot be a textbook or any kind of teaching material.
- (b) It must have an author, who is an expert in the subject.
- (c) It must be in-depth, not merely skimming the subject, and it cannot be too short.
- (d) It must be accessible by your peers, with a possible exception for a physical book you happen to have in your private library.

Your annotated bibliography should provide working Web links to your sources whenever that is possible.

Probably the best place to start looking is our college library:

<https://crc.losrios.edu/student-resources/library>

Check out the OneSearch feature on the front page, or browse the featured research databases:

<https://researchguides.crc.losrios.edu/az/databases>

Finally, do not hesitate to visit the College library in person, and let a professional librarian assist you in your search.

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY EXAMPLE

1. Feynman, Richard P. 1999. [“The Pleasure of Finding Things Out”](#). Foreword by Freeman Dyson, edited by Jeffrey Robbins. Perseus Books, Cambridge.

Chapter 7 of the book gives information about Feynman’s Minority Report to the space shuttle Challenger inquiry.

2. Feynman, Richard P. 1988. [“What Do You Care What Other People Think? Further Adventures of a Curious Character”](#). W.W. Norton & Company, Inc. New York.

In giving a first-hand account of his work and escapades, Feynman provides the reader with insight into his thought processes as he solves problems and ponders the natural world around him. It is entirely possible that some of the details have been exaggerated or embellished. But, if so, it just corroborates what others claim to be true: that Feynman is a showman who likes to win arguments and entertain his audience.

3. Gleick, James. 1992. [“Genius, the Life and Science of Richard Feynman”](#). New York: Random House, First Edition.

This book is a comprehensive biography of Feynman from birth to death, which includes his childhood, his education, his work at Los Alamos, his teaching career, the Nobel prize, and the space shuttle commission. It records the ways his ideas impacted the scientific community, and comments on his innate curiosity and playful personality.

4. Gribbin, John and Mary. 1997. [“Richard Feynman – A Life in Science”](#). Penguin Books New York.

In Chapter 12, this book relates in great detail the story of Feynman’s last challenge – the work he did on the congressional committee to investigate the space shuttle Challenger disaster.