

GET FAMILIAR WITH THE LIBRARY

This is an assignment that you may not be crazy about now, but may appreciate when it's time to do some library research. This assignment will help you get used to using the library—either our own school library or others in the area.

Students will find one issue or topic (this may or may not be the topic for your final paper) and find one book, one journal or magazine article, one newspaper article and one internet source. For each source, the student will write a basic annotated bibliography. This should be done in MLA style. Please do not make this assignment any harder than it is. We will discuss this assignment briefly in class on the day it is given. Included with this assignment is a sample annotated bibliography.

**Guidelines: This annotated bibliography-MUST—Have at least FOUR (4) entries. IT MUST have one of each source type—a book, a journal or magazine article, a newspaper article and a source from the internet. Online databases for journal and magazine articles such as LEXIS/NEXIS and JSTOR DO count as regular journal, magazine or newspaper sources. This assignment will be due Thursday, February 29 in Blackboard by 5p.m. This assignment will count towards your final grade and points will be deducted for every day it is late. Please consult the course instructor or librarian with any questions or concerns you may have about this assignment. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO INCLUDE PHOTOCOPIES OF THE FIRST PAGE OF EACH SOURCE USED. ONLY THE TITLE AND COPYRIGHT PAGE IS NECESSARY FOR BOOKS.**

Your Name

Instructor's Name

Course Number

Date

Topic: What are some lightning safety tips?

### Annotated Bibliography

Abercrombie, Jane. "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors." *The New York Times*. 30 September, 2016: C8.

Abercrombie's news article includes scientific expertise about many preventable lightning injuries and deaths suffered over the last 20 years. As simple as it may seem, many people are injured and/or killed by lightning strikes by failure to follow common sense concepts. Moving forward, this article gives readers information that they should all seriously heed.

"Lightning Safety." *National Weather Service*. United States, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service, 2009, [www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/safety.shtml](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/safety.shtml). This is a government site on the topic of lightning safety. The site is comprehensive and covers topics such as the science of lightning, indoor and outdoor safety, and the medical care of lightning victims. Photos, video clips and other graphics make the site interesting and easy to understand. This was the most comprehensive site on all aspects of lightning safety and included extensive links to other sites. There is an address provided along with links for Comments and Questions.

Mack, Steven. "Watch Lightning Videos, You Will Live Longer." *Christian Science Monitor*. April 30, 2016. pp. 30-33.

This journal article encourages lightning connoisseurs to watch captured videos of lightning strikes recorded by experts instead of going outside to see it themselves. The article includes statistics and sources for finding a host of lightning strike videos. It also includes the expertise of Dr. James Wilcox, the leading authority on scientific lightning strikes. Dr. Wilcox is head of the Scientific Lightning Institute at New Jersey State University.

Smith, William. *Shazam: Tips to Avoid Lightning Strikes*. Pearson Publishing, 2017.

Smith's well researched book includes case studies of people who were both successful and unsuccessful at avoiding lightning strikes. These case studies are combined with interviews from scientific lightning experts to help people avoid lightning strikes. Each expert interviewed includes his or her own specific lightning safety tips in order to offer readers a wide range from various scientific sources.

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