Assignment 1: Annotated Reference List

Your Annotated Reference List should include five sources (including a variety of different types of sources) that you have selected in relation to your chosen topic for your Extended Essay and determined will be useful to you in your research. For each of your five sources you must address the following points in your own words:

2.Why did you decide to select this particular source as being one of the most relevant/useful?

•What were your precise reasons for selecting the source rather than one of the numerous other sources on the topic?

•Think particularly about issues such as: the topic addressed, the methods used, the theories applied, the results achieved, the type of source, its reliability and perhaps the author(s) themselves

•In writing a piece of work, authors may be trying to achieve a number of different things, including: reporting their own work, reviewing the work of others, trying to develop new theories, or adapting existing theories, expressing certain values or opinions, criticising the way in which things are currently done, or advising on what should be done in the future.

4.What is the author saying that you think will be particularly relevant to your research?

•this should not just be a summary of everything that the authors say – think critically and select the specific details that are relevant to your chosen topic.

•Having identified the author’s aim in Question 3, remember that the question(s) that authors are trying to address in a text will rarely be exactly the same as the question(s) that you are trying to answer.

5.What evidence does the author use to support his/her claims and do you think it is enough?

•Does the author support the statements s/he makes with facts or evidence, or are his/her statements unsubstantiated?

•Does the text consider more than one point of view?

•Critically assess the argumentation using the skills .

6.In reading the source, what specific research questions are raised for you that might be worth exploring further?

•Has this made you think differently about the topic than you did before?

•Has the research highlighted any areas which are under-researched that you could address in your work?