CSE 400 - Annotated Bibliography: Instructions

The bibliography for your project should contain an entry for each document you have found useful for your project, and must list every document that you cite in your “Related Work” section. The entry will consist of two parts:

1. A citation in APA Style* for the document (journal article, conference paper, web page, book, etc.)
2. An annotation consisting of a brief (~150 word) descriptive and evaluative paragraph.

*See class Blackboard site for information on APA Style.

The purpose of the annotation is to:
1. Summarize the findings or key points of the document.
2. Evaluate the document. The evaluation might include, but is not limited to, a discussion of these points:

   a. Authority – Qualifications (credentials, background) of the authors to write on this subject. Quality of the source: is the journal or conference peer-reviewed, is the publication from a scholarly society, etc.
   b. Date – Is the work current? If not, how does the age of the document impact the relevance, accuracy, or scope of the information contained in the document?
   c. Audience/Objectivity – How does the intended audience or author’s purpose influence the content of the document? (Scholarly articles should provide all the relevant data; a company product web page may only contain favorable data.)
   d. Information Source/Methodology – Is this a report of original work or research, or a summary of existing work? Is the source of the data or the methodology clear?
   e. Conclusion – Does the information presented or cited support the conclusion(s) of the author(s)? Describe any weaknesses or errors.
   f. Reflection - Compare or contrast this document with others you have cited, or with the established scholarship/industry standards in this field.
   g. Contribution - Explain how this document relates to your research or contributes to your project. Has it changed how you think about your project?