**ESLR Research**

**Annotating Articles**

1. Keep the research question in mind, along with potential subtopics for your paper. Choose a different color or symbol for each subtopic, along with other general categories:

Background ­­­­­­­­­ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Subtopic #1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Subtopic #2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Subtopic #3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Conclusions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Interesting, but unsure of how to use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ???

\*\*These are just examples…the colors or symbols are entirely your choice.

2. In addition to marking with colors or symbols, also add NOTES about your thoughts, reactions, and possible connections with other research you’ve done. You may also find it helpful to note passages that would be good to summarize or paraphrase rather than quote. This will help to keep the balance of quoted material at a reasonable level, too.

**THESE NOTES ARE CRITICAL!!! They help to develop your discussion in the paper.**

3. Summarize the article and note its usefulness for your paper. Jot down notes and add this to your annotated bibliography ASAP.

4. Review your subtopics and look for weaknesses or areas where you still need additional information. Use this information to select the next two articles for annotation.

5. Consider additional resources as you review your notes. Perhaps you need additional articles, but you could also consider videos, documentaries, and even interviews depending upon your topic. Please see me if you are considering an interview, as the documentation of this is different in APA format.