

Annotated Bibliography Template

An annotated bibliography is a list of citations to books, articles, and documents. Each citation, using MLA or APA format, is followed by a brief (usually about 150 words) descriptive and evaluative paragraph, the annotation. The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited.

Title: Annotated Bibliography for [insert topic here]

By [insert your name here]

Date: November 27, 28, or 29, 2006 [select for your section]

Paragraph 1: Introduction: Describe your topic, and a few sentences about your findings.

Paragraph 2: Write the first citation for your first reference: use APA or MLA style. Write a paragraph about what this references offered you: central theme or scope, interesting topics, ideas, how it illuminated the topic whether it is worthwhile for your colleagues to consult it for information on this topic based on who the authors are, intended audience, presentation, amount and reliability of information. You may use point form.

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SAMPLE ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ENTRY FOR A JOURNAL ARTICLE

The following example uses the APA format for the journal citation:

Goldschneider, F. K., Waite, L. J., & Witsberger, C. (1986). Nonfamily living and