ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

What is an annotated bibliography?

An annotated bibliography is a list of the sources you have used or will use for an assignment. Each entry in the list is accompanied by an explanation of its usefulness for your work.

Your annotated bibliography should contain the following:

- A citation for each of the works you used
- An annotation describing each work’s relationship to your research

The content of your annotations will vary according to assignment guidelines. Your instructor may require you to:

- Describe a source’s content
- Identify a source’s main argument(s) (i.e. thesis, hypothesis, research question)
- Evaluate the strengths or weakness of a source’s argument(s)
- Explain a source’s relevance to your research or argument

Please pay careful attention to your assignment requirements – not all annotated bibliographies contain the same information!

Each entry in your annotated bibliography will have two parts. They are:

- A citation in MLA format

- The annotation, that is, your explanation of the usefulness of a given source. Whatever citation style you use, the annotation will always follow directly after the end of the citation.
Examples of an annotated bibliography in MLA format (remember to use DOUBLE SPACE):


This magazine article looks at the use of Ritalin in Canada. Specifically it covers the drug's side effects, why there is so much debate surrounding its use and how teachers have come to rely on it to control problem students. The article is based on information taken from interviews, statistics and studies that were conducted. Overall, it is well written and well researched.

*Notice that the first part of the annotation is descriptive and that the last sentence is a brief evaluation.*


This newspaper article focuses on a study published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal about the short and long-term effects of using Ritalin. The information comes from a reputable source and is based upon fact. This article was useful for my research as it helped support my idea that Ritalin may not be the answer for treating children with ADD.

*Notice that the first few sentences of the annotation discuss the reliability of the article while the last sentence relates to its usefulness.*


Mercogliano describes how depending on medication, such as Ritalin, to treat students with attention deficit disorders may not be the right approach. The book also calls into question how teachers deal with students who have ADD.

*Notice that this entire annotation is descriptive.*

References


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