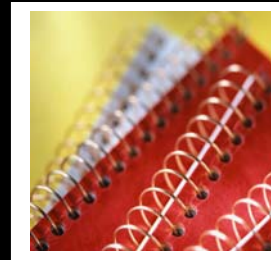


Creating Annotated Bibliographies

A Research & Library Skills Exercise ♦ 2011-2012
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What is an annotated bibliography? Why use it?

An *annotated bibliography* is a list of sources followed by a short description and evaluation of the content of those sources. It is a research tool used to assist you in synthesizing the main themes discussed in a source (e.g., article, book, web source). Annotations also allow someone unfamiliar with a source to quickly get a sense of its content.

Here is an example of an article citation and its annotation:

Greene, Stuart. "Mining Texts in Reading to Write." *Journal of Advanced Composition* 12.1 (1992): 151-67. Print.

This article works from the assumption that reading and writing inform each other, particularly in the matter of rhetorical constructs. Greene introduces the concept of "mining texts" for rhetorical situations when reading with a sense of authorship. Considerations for what can be mined include language, structure, and context, all of which can be useful depending upon the writer's goals. The article provides some practical methods that compliment Doug Brent's ideas about reading as invention.

This example was updated for the new MLA format, but is otherwise taken, unchanged, from:
www.uwc.ucf.edu/handouts/annotated_bibliography.pdf

To read more about annotated bibliographies, visit this guide: www.lib.umd.edu/guides/annotate.html. It includes a thorough description of how to write annotated bibliographies.

The Exercise:

Using the database **Academic Search Premier** find 3 articles on your topic and create an annotation for each of them. Your annotations should include articles from these categories:

- 2 peer-reviewed articles (also called academic or scholarly articles)
- 1 popular article (often called a magazine or newspaper article)

Annotations should be **about 100 words each**. Be sure that your annotation includes evaluative comments about the relative benefit/importance of the article in terms of your paper's argument.

Format:

Type your annotations into the boxes provided. Include the complete citation of the article using MLA.

Your work space:

1. Article citation:

Annotation:

2. Article citation:

Annotation:

3. Article citation:

Annotation: