

if the book does not have index do not use it
read facts not opinion
bibliography do not use it



Writing the MLA Annotated Bibliography

①
② research
③ presentation

What is a bibliography?

A bibliography is another word for a Works Cited page. Most simply, it is a list of sources.

- A list of the works of a specific author
- A list of items relating to a given subject [articles, books, websites...]

What is an annotation?

- An annotation includes descriptive and sometimes evaluative comments on a particular source.
- Annotation is the act or process of adding commentary or notes.

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Abstract ≠ concrete facts
subjective ≠ objective
spin = opinion

What is the difference between an annotation and an abstract?

- An abstract is a brief factual description of a specific article or book, often written by the author.
- An annotation, however, will reflect the personal judgment and opinion of the person compiling the bibliography.
- An annotation may include a summary of the source, an evaluation of the source, and/or commentary on how this source may fit into the research paper or assignment.
- Be sure to follow your instructor's instructions for the annotation content.

is only summary
summary
Evaluation
how its connect to your thesis

An **annotated bibliography**, therefore, is a listing which contains both the citation information, as well as a critical description of the items selected.

How long are annotations?

This depends on your assignment. Your instructor will specify the required length of the annotations. Typically, annotations are around 150 words.

1/2 page

To get started:

- Select a topic.
- Read the books, articles, or other resources you will write about.
- Read or view the selected items. Take notes on your readings as these will help in writing the annotation. Be careful to avoid plagiarizing an annotation or summary provided with the source citation.
- Arrange the list in alphabetical order by the main entry (usually authors).

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A sample annotated bibliography is listed on the back.

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