

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHIES IOI

What is an annotated bibliography?

An annotated bibliography is a summary and evaluation of research that has been completed prior to writing a formal essay. Annotations require you to summarize, analyze, and reflect on scholarly articles that are needed for a well-written essay.

What purpose does an annotated bibliography serve?

In order to fully and accurately comprehend the topic you are studying, an annotated bibliography is necessary. Creating these annotations will help you organize and categorize your subtopics as well as understand their most important aspects. Also, the last few sentences of your annotations require you to reflect on how you intend to use the information in your paper, which is a form of pre-writing.

Example of an MLA formatted annotation:

Hollenbeck, J. R., & Williams, C. R. (1987). Goal Importance, Self-Focus, and the Goal-Setting Process. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 73(2), 204-211.

The authors, graduate students from Michigan State University, examine the importance of self-focus in the goal-setting process. Their study aims to analyze the effect that goal setting has on future performance as opposed to past performance without goals. Subjects in the study were assessed based on their archival records for the past three months as well as their future performance success of the three months following the questionnaire. The results of the study show that having high goals and self-determination leads to high performance.

Those who did not set goals were not as successful as those subjects that did. I intend to use this article as evidence to support my claim that setting goals does lead to greater success.

****Notice that the annotation appropriately summarized the scholarly article and also explains how I intend to use the article in my essay.**



ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ASSIGNMENT

PURPOSE: The purpose of this assignment is to help you organize and categorize the information you gathered during research.

- ✓ Think of the topic you selected for your annotated bibliography.
- ✓ Select 5 of the 7 scholarly articles related to your topic
- ✓ Print your articles and highlight the most significant information you wish to include in your annotations.
- ✓ Create an MLA formatted annotated bibliography in Word. Be sure to properly format it by looking at the examples and YouTube video provided in your internet scavenger hunt.

Requirements:

- ✓ You will have a minimum of 5 annotations.
- ✓ Your annotations should all relate to the topic you were assigned.
- ✓ Your annotations should be a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a page.
- ✓ Your annotations should be formatted in APA style.
- ✓ Your annotations should be grammatically correct and well thought out.
- ✓ Your annotations should NOT be copied and pasted from the article. These should be in YOUR WORDS only.

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY PEER CHECKLIST

Development:

- ✓ Underline any fragments or run-on sentences.
- ✓ Put a star next to any paragraph that is not fully developed or is confusing.
- ✓ Read the annotations out loud. Do they sound competent and professional?

Punctuation and Organization:

- ✓ Find and mark any comma splices.
- ✓ Look for lack of commas and missing periods at the end of sentences.
- ✓ Circle any ineffective transition statements.

Formatting:

- ✓ Check to make sure the annotations are in alphabetical order.
- ✓ Check to make sure the margins are all 1"
- ✓ Is the font Times New Roman—size 12?
- ✓ Are the citations correctly formatted in MLA format?

Grammar:

- ✓ Circle any misspelled words throughout the annotations.
- ✓ Underline any capitalization errors.