

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

How to write and format bibliographic annotations

An annotated bibliography is a formally arranged list of books, articles, or other sources that includes a brief commentary on each one. Check your assignment instructions for information about length and what must be included.

SAMPLE PAGE:

This model uses MLA bibliography entries. If you are working in APA, be sure to use APA format instead.

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Jones, Ralph H. "Poe's Neurotic Characters." *American Literary Journal*, vol. 56, no. 3, May 2002, pp. 76–81. *JSTOR*, www.jstor.org/stable/79273.

This article focuses on major characters in six of Edgar Allan Poe's short stories, analyzing their mental and emotional problems. Jones argues that abnormal psychology is central to Poe's most successful works of fiction, and he supports his views by describing the strange actions and delusions of various characters. The article is written in straightforward language, and quotations are used effectively. The psychological terms are explained clearly. This source will be useful in supporting my view that the horror in Poe's work is based on the mental problems of his characters, not on supernatural forces.

Williams, Roberta B., and Annabel C. Anderson. *Twentieth-Century Women of Science*. 2nd ed., Hudson Publishers, 2004.

A discussion of major contributions to the sciences by women between 1900 and the late twentieth century, including profiles on the careers of ten prominent scientists in a variety of fields.

The heading is "Annotated Bibliography".

Make it double-spaced.

Longer annotations may include:

- the source's thesis
- its main points
- the types of evidence used to support it
- critical comments
- an explanation of how this source will be used in your research

The first line of each entry (typically the author's last name) begins at the left-hand margin. The following lines are indented.

The annotation is indented once more, right beneath the entry.

Very short annotations usually describe or summarize the content of a source in a few words.

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