Sample *annotation*


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The OWL article on annotated bibliographies describes bibliographies as lists of sources used to research a topic. An annotated bibliography includes a summary and may or may not include an analysis of the source. The article lists things to consider the source is objective and current, and whether the source helps you with your research. The article gives reasons for writing an annotated bibliography, such as forming a thesis for your research, reading sources carefully and critically, and learning about the issues surrounding your topic, and developing your own point of view about a topic. The article includes sample annotations as examples of what to include, format to use, and appropriate length.

**Succinct, clear, specific description of the article & its contents**

**Briefly evaluates the content**

**Clear specific reasons why the article is useful to the researcher and writer**

The article is current, well-organized, and easy to read. It includes the main aspects to consider when writing annotated bibliographies. I consider Purdue a reputable source. The samples illustrate annotations in three different styles: MLA, APA, and Chicago.

I found the article helpful because, using explanation and examples, it explained annotated bibliographies. I had never written an annotated bibliography before, and this article helped me to understand how to write one and why annotated bibliographies are important in performing research and evaluating sources. The samples made it easier for me to understand the length of annotations and what to include.