

## Annotated Bibliographies

An annotated bibliography is a list of citations to books, articles, and documents. Each citation is followed by a brief (usually about 150 words) descriptive and evaluative paragraph, the annotation. The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited. The descriptive paragraph should include the following:

- Description of the work.
- Explanation of how this work illuminates your bibliography topic.

## Citations

Citations are important to allow readers to find the sources to your research (so they can verify and validate your statements-- credibility, and also so readers can find more info on other aspects of your topic).

Citation formats:

MLA (Modern Language Association)

A typical bibliography entry for a book has three parts: the author, title, and publication information (place of publication, publisher, and date of publication):

Author's last name, first name. "Title of a part of the book". Title of the book. Name of the editor, translator, or compiler. Number of the edition used. Number(s) of the volume(s) used. Name of the series. Place of publication: name of publisher, date of publication. Page numbers. Other bibliographic information and annotation.

If possible, under 'other bibliographic information', always include the book's ISBN (International Standard Book Number) and/or ISSN (International Standard Serial Number). This makes it easier to track a book precisely.

Titles can be underlined or in italics (italicizing is preferred).

Visual formatting: Double-space between citations. In each citation, single-space and with hanging indents (all lines of the paragraph are indented in from the left margin except the first line of the paragraph). Each part of the entry is followed by a period and two spaces. In a long bibliography, organize your citations by topic.

For re-published books, add the original publication date immediately before 'place of publication' (also list the latest publication date, in the normal 'date of publication' slot).

For interviews, add the word 'interview' after the author's (interviewee's) name. In this case the 'author's name' is the interviewee's name.

If you are interested in more details, a more complete list of MLA specs can be found at [www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org), and in the published text:

Gibaldi, Joseph. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 6th edition. Modern Language Association of America, May-2003. ISBN 0873529863.