

# Annotated Bibliographies

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## Definition

A bibliography is a list of sources (books, journals, websites, etc.) used when researching a topic and includes the author, title, date of publication information, etc. for each item. An annotated bibliography includes a summary and/or evaluation of each of the sources and requires analyzing information rather than just collecting facts. Ask for specific writing guidelines from your instructor. Annotations may do one or more of the following:

**Summarize:** Some annotations merely summarize the source by answering the questions: What are the main arguments? What is the point of this book or article? What topics are covered?

**Assess:** Is it a useful source? How does it compare with other sources in your bibliography? Is the information reliable? Is this source biased or objective? What is the goal or this source?

**Reflect:** Ask how the source fits into your research. Was this source helpful to you? How did it help you shape your argument. How did you use this source in your research assignment.? Did the source change how you thought about your topic?

## In the library, in print:

### Journals

*College Composition and Communication*

*College English*

### Reference materials course reserves:

*Concise Guide to Writing*, PE1408 .A93 2002

*Bedford Handbook*, PE1408 .H277 2006

*Reading Critically, Writing Well*, PE1417 .A89 2005

*St. Martin's Guide to Writing*, PE1408 .A94 1997

## Websites:

- <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/551/01>
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