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Whereas a bibliography is an organized listing of sources used in researching and preparing a project or paper, an annotated bibliography follows each source with a short "annotation," which describes the content of the source and provides a critical evaluation of the material.

Bisignani, D. & Brizee, A. (2010). Annotated Bibliographies. Retrieved from Purdue

University, Online Writing Lab (OWL) website:

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resources/614/01/ .

The authors present a brief, well thought out description of an annotated

bibliography and the rationale for preparing one. Moreover, they provide many examples

in various formats, each with detailed explanations. This is a good reference for how to

develop an "annotation" for any researcher.

Bulla, D. W. (2010). "A Dozen Best: Top Books on the First Amendment" *American*

Journalism. Winter 2010.

Offering an excellent example of an annotated bibliography, the author is an

assistant professor of journalism at the Greenlee School at Iowa State University.

Carlson, L. (2010). Annotated Bibliographies. Retrieved from the University of Kansas, KU

Writing Center website: http://www.writing.ku.edu/~writing/guides/bibs.shtml .

This single-page handout provides a short, comprehensible overview of annotated

bibliographies and also gives a remarkable example of each major kind of annotation.

Duran, K. (2009). Sample Annotated Bibliography in APA Style. Retrieved from California

State University—Northridge website: http://library.csun.edu/docs/mlannotbib.pdf .

The author has produced a marvelous sample annotated bibliography in APA

format concerning Hispanic women activists in Los Angeles.

Engle, M., Blumenthal, A., & Cosgrave, T. (2010). Cornell University, Olin & Uris Libraries

website: http://olinuris.library.cornell.edu/print/3187 .

The page gives a very short description of the annotated bibliography process and

only demonstrates two citation examples.

Haddad, A. (2008). APA Annotated Bibliography. Retrieved from website:

http://dianahacker.com/pdfs/Hacker-Haddad-APA-AnnBib.pdf .

The author provides an excellent sample of an annotated bibliography in APA

format.

Harner, J. L. (2000). *On Compiling an Annotated Bibliography.* New York: The Modern

Language Association of America.

This is the standard for any researcher producing an annotated bibliography. This

pamphlet offers valuable information from planning the research to organizing the

annotated bibliography. The author provides several examples, but more so he gives

instruction in their creation. A wealth of source material is given in the reference section.

This is highly recommended reading for any researcher.

Henning, T. B. (2008). Preparing an Annotated Bibliography. Retrieved from Indiana University,

School of Liberal Arts, University Writing Center website: http://www.iupui.edu/~uwe .

In addition to offering a clear and concise explanation of the annotated

bibliography, the author provides a wonderful sample, albeit in MLA format. The sample

is marked with explanations throughout and would be very useful for a researcher new to

the subject.

Ikeda, A. (2010). Writing Annotated Bibliographies. Retrieved from Claremont Graduate

University Writing Center website: http://www.cgu.edu/pages/836.asp .

The author provides an excellent summary of the purpose of creating an annotated

bibliography and gives helpful instruction on developing the "annotation." Several

examples are offered as well as a very useful list of sources for further information. The

question/answer format given for generating the annotation will be valuable for those

new to that task.

Illinois State Bar Association. (2000). Understanding Law Through Literature: An Annotated

Bibliography. Originally compiled by the American Bar Association.

A very comprehensive annotated bibliography suitable for use as a sample by a

researcher involved in a large project.

Kennedy-Clark, S., Downey, T., & Mort, P. (2006). Annotated Bibliography. Retrieved from the

University of New South Wales, the Learning Centre website:

http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/onlib/ .

The authors present a straightforward "brochure" that explains the development of

an annotated bibliography in a very readable, newsletter format. They provide a superior

sample annotation, which provides sentence-by-sentence explanations.

La Salle College High School (2010). How to Create an Annotated Bibliography, Works Cited,

or Works Consulted Page. Retrieved from the McShain Library website:

http://www.lschs.org/page.cfm?p=1627 .

The website gives a very brief explanation of how to prepare an annotated

bibliography and provides a hyperlink to a comprehensive example in MLA format.

Memorial University of Newfoundland. (2008). How to Write Annotated Bibliographies.

Retrieved from Queen Elizabeth II Library website:

http://www.library.mun.ca/guides/howto/annotated_bibl.php .

This short handout briefly discusses the purposes of an annotated bibliography and provides two examples. It will be useful for those looking for a "quick start" to creating an annotated bibliography without having to wade through much detail.

Petitemorte, L. (2003). An Annotated Bibliography on How to Create an Annotated Bibliography. Retrieved from San Francisco State University website: http://userwww.sfsu.edu/~jnichols/Anobib.doc .

The author provides a sample annotated bibliography on international business, as well as instruction on its preparation. In addition, he supplies many online sources to assist the researcher in developing an annotated bibliography. This document is recommended for anyone having to prepare an annotated bibliography.

Robert E. Kennedy Library. (2010). Writing an Annotated Bibliography. Retrieved from California Polytechnic State University website: http://lib.calpoly.edu/research/guides/bibliography.html .

This webpage offers a crisp summary for creating an annotated bibliography, including quickly sketching the "whys" and "wherefores," as well as giving two samples. This resource will be best as a succinct introduction into annotated bibliographies.

Rosen College. (2009). Annotated Bibliographies. Retrieved from Universal Orlando Foundation Library website: http://library.ucf.edu/rosen .

This research guide briefly explains annotated bibliographies and provides samples in the three most common academic writing formats. It is a handy reference for any researcher tasked with creating an annotated bibliography.

Rosenberg, J. (2010). History Day – How to Make an Annotated Bibliography. Retrieved from 20th Century Website: http://history1900s.about.com/od/people/a/annotatedbib.htm?p=1 .

The author presents a very brief definition of an annotated bibliography but

provides many different source examples in MLA format.

University of California – Santa Cruz. (2010). Write an Annotated Bibliography. Retrieved from

University Library website: http://library.ucsc.edu .

This site offers an excellent definition of a bibliography and what distinguishes an

annotated bibliography, including how it is composed. The examples provided are

single-spaced and difficult to read, however, there is a good reference list.

University of Maryland University College. (2010). Information and Library Services: How to

Write an Annotated Bibliography.   Retrieved from University Library website:

http://www.umuc.edu/library/tutorials/bibliography/bibliography-text .

This webpage presents a clear and concise definition of an annotated bibliography

as well as an excellent example of each major kind of annotation. It also provides a brief

bulleted "how to" list for creating an annotated bibliography. The two example

annotations are extremely helpful.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. (2004). Annotated Bibliographies. Retrieved from

the Writing Center website:

http://unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/annotated_bibliographies.html

The Writing Center provides a very detailed look at why annotated bibliographies

are useful and how to create one. It also reviews several differences in formatting styles

and their affect on the annotated bibliography. Hyperlinks to several examples are

provided as is an extensive reference list.

University of North Florida. (2008). Creating an Annotated Bibliography. Retrieved from

LIS1001 website: http://www.unf.edu/~alderman/BLISS2/annotatedbibliography.html .

This website gives a brief but thorough explanation of creating an annotated bibliography. Additionally, it provides several excellent examples.

University of Otago, New Zealand. (2007). Online Information Literacy: Annotated Bibliography Module. Retrieved from the University website: http://oil.otago.ac.na/oil/module2/Introduction.html .

The OIL provides an online learning module for creating an annotated bibliography. The module requires Adobe Flash and takes between 30 and 40 to complete. This website would be well worth the time for researchers completely unfamiliar with locating sources for their topic, as it begins at that basic level. There is much good information to be gained, but the process is very slow.

University of Wisconsin – Madison. (2011). Annotated Bibliographies. Retrieved from the University website: http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/AnnotatedBibliography.html .

This newly updated website gives the researcher a wide variety of annotation types and examples of each, as well as giving examples for the varied writing styles that can be used to write them. In addition, it offers a list of references for the examples provided.