

Annotated Bibliography Breakdown

This is a breakdown of a general annotated bibliography in MLA formatting. Please note the header above needs to reflect your own last name and page number.

An annotated bib includes a few very important details about the resource that you are using within your works. Here is a breakdown of what should be included.

1. It is set up like an MLA work cited resource page, or APA depending on what your course asks for. Double spaced and indented where needed.
2. The citations are in alphabetical order and the bibliography is below the citation. (indented).
3. The bibliography portion of the annotation includes the name of the author, the title of the work, and a brief description of what the article is about and is a short paragraph in length.
4. At the end of the bibliography, you explain what this article is or can be used for within your essay, such as understanding a concept, description of a theme, portrayal, or scene within a work.

Please see the attached bibliography example below...

Lamott, Anne. *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life*. Anchor Books, 1995.

Lamott's book offers honest advice on the nature of a writing life, complete with its insecurities and failures. Taking a humorous approach to the realities of being a writer, the chapters in Lamott's book are wry and anecdotal and offer advice on everything from plot development to jealousy, from perfectionism to struggling with one's own internal critic. In the process, Lamott includes writing exercises designed to be both productive and fun. Lamott offers sane advice for those struggling with the anxieties of writing, but her main project seems to be offering the reader a reality check regarding writing, publishing, and struggling with one's own imperfect humanity in the process. Rather than a practical handbook to producing and/or publishing, this text is indispensable because of its honest perspective, its down-to-earth humor, and its encouraging approach. Chapters in this text could easily be included in the curriculum for a writing class. Several of the chapters in Part 1 address the writing process and would serve to generate discussion on students' own drafting and revising processes. Some of the writing exercises would also be appropriate for generating classroom writing exercises. Students should find Lamott's style both engaging and enjoyable.

Mertler, Charles. *Introduction to Educational Research*, 2nd ed. 2018. Sage Publications.

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Charles Mertler (*Introduction to Educational Research*, 2018) is a research scientist pertaining to the educational research field. In his book, *Introduction to Educational Research*, 2nd ed, there contains pertinent information concerning the many different methods used for educational research and the breakdown of the steps needed to conduct educational research correctly. Furthermore, Mertler's target audience for this book is pre-service teachers and graduate students pursuing their master's in education. This book is meant for the use of anyone who is practicing or thinking about practicing educational research. This resource helps the reader decipher which method is best appropriate for certain research projects and how to successfully develop a research article. The information contained within its chapters has been used to help build this annotated bibliography.

Here is a useful link for annotated bibliographies if more guidance or information is needed.
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