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- Before you begin, review your professor's assignment instructions for requirements such as citation style and paper length.

What is a Bibliography?

- A list of sources used in the preparation of a research project.
- It appears at the end of academic writing as a:
 - Works Cited (MLA)
 - References (APA)
 - Bibliography (Chicago)

What is an Annotated Bibliography?

- It encourages critical thinking rather than just a list or summary.
- It includes a:
 - proper citation
 - a summary and evaluation of the source
- The annotation:
 - appears directly after the citation
 - is usually one paragraph
 - is typically between 100 to 300 words.

What Should an Annotation Include?

- A brief summary of the source
- The source's relevance to your research
- The author's credibility and background
- The source's strengths and weaknesses
- Key conclusions or findings
- How it compares to other sources
- Any opposing viewpoints

Questions to Help you Analyze a Source

Who?

- Who is the author?
- Who is the intended audience?
- Who benefits from or is impacted by this research?

What

- What is the main argument or purpose of the source?
- What evidence or research supports the author's claims?
- What are the key findings or conclusions?

When

- When was the source published?
- When was the research conducted?
- When would this source be most relevant?

Where

- Where was the source published?
- Where does the information come from?
- Where does this source fit within the larger academic conversation?

Why

- Why was this source created?
- Why is this source relevant to your research?

How

- How does this source compare to your other sources?
- How does this source challenge your argument?

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MLA 9th Sample Format:

Citation:

Porter, Max. *Grief is the Thing with Feathers*. Graywolf Press, 2015.

In *Grief Is the Thing with Feathers*, Porter explores a father's grief following the unexpected and tragic death of his wife. The novel examines both the ordinary and overwhelming aspects of grief through poetic language. As the point of view shifts between the widower, his sons, and an anthropomorphic Crow, readers witness moments of guilt, vulnerability, sorrow, growth, and love.

[Additional paragraphs would continue with evaluation and reflection.]

In the annotation above, the writer includes both a summary and an evaluation. It follows MLA formatting: the citation uses a 0.5-inch hanging indent, and the annotation uses a standard 0.5-inch paragraph indent.

APA 7th Sample Format:

Citation:

Evans, D. (Ed.). (2016). *Language and identity: Discourse in the world*. Bloomsbury Academic.
<https://doi.org/10.5040/9781474242035>

In this edited collection, Evans explores the relationship between language and identity, focusing on how discourse shapes social and cultural understanding. The book presents multiple perspectives and includes counterarguments, strengthening its credibility. Chapters two and three are especially useful for analyzing how language influences personal identity. This source will help provide scholarly support and connect to other texts in the analysis...(annotation continues)

In the above annotation, the writer summarizes the main argument and evaluates the source's credibility and strengths. It follows APA formatting: the citation uses a 0.5-inch hanging indent, and the annotation uses a standard 0.5-inch paragraph indent.



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Chicago Author-Date Sample Format

Tick, Andrea, et al. 2022. "Impact of Internet Misinformation on Generation Y and Z." In MEB — 20th International Conference on Management, Enterprise, and Benchmarking. Proceedings (MEB 2022), edited by Pál Fehér-Polgár, András Keszthelyi, and Péter Szikora, 145–147. Budapest: Óbuda University, Keleti Károly Faculty.

This paper summarizes the types of misinformation and how they spread through social media, focusing on Millennials and Generation Z. The authors argue that...(annotation continues)

In the above citation follows Chicago author-date style: the citation uses a 0.5-inch hanging indent, and the annotation uses a standard 0.5-inch paragraph indent.

Chicago Notes-Bibliography Sample Format:

Tick, Andrea, et al. "Impact of Internet Misinformation on Generation Y and Z." In MEB — 20th International Conference on Management, Enterprise, and Benchmarking. Proceedings (MEB 2022), edited by Pál Fehér-Polgár, András Keszthelyi, and Péter Szikora, 145–157. Budapest: Óbuda University, Keleti Károly Faculty, 2022.<https://www.proquest.com/scholarly-journals/impact-internetmisinformation-on-generation-y-z/docview/2755549588/se-2>.

This study examines how misinformation spreads on social media, especially among Millennials and Gen Z. It highlights the role of trust, social influence, and...(annotation continues)

In the above citation, the entry follows Chicago Notes-Bibliography style. The citation uses a 0.5-inch hanging indent, and the annotation uses a standard 0.5-inch paragraph indent.



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