

Sample Annotated Bibliography

An **Annotated Bibliography** is a list of the texts you have used to collect information for your research with some important notes concerning how the text helped you. The citations- information about the text: author, title etc. is always written in MLA format.

Structure: The citations follow MLA Format

The citations are always in alphabetic order.

If a second line is required for the citation, you indent the second line. Also citations are always double spaced.

Example #1- A book annotation

Dowhaniuk, P. *Why Students Do Not Like Homework*. Waterloo: Bluevale Press, 2009.

This book provided some great information concerning you topic. Dowhaniuk provides statistics regarding how many students do not complete their homework which I will be able to use in my paper. Also he lists some very important facts about student apathy and why students dislike homework. Again this will be very helpful for my paper.

Dr. Dowhaniuk has done extensive work in the area of student homework. In particular he has studied the impact of student apathy and homework. He has published many other books and articles on this subject including: *Student Apathy*, *Why I like TV and not Homework* and *Which do I choose Family Guy or my ISU?*

Example #2 – A book annotation that is two lines long.

Smith, W. and P. Dowhaniuk. *Why Students Fail*. Waterloo: Weston, Green and Blues

Press, 1988.

This is a great resource. The authors have clearly outlined the major reasons students fail .Of particular interest to me is the chapter on student apathy. It provides great information on the causes, impacts and methods to overcome this tragic situation, because this is the main thrust of my paper this information will prove invaluable.

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Example #3- A Reference Text: An encyclopaedia

“Dragons” *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. 10 Edition. 2009.

This entry in the encyclopaedia provides some very basic information about dragons around the world. For example, it discusses the history and mythology of dragons in many cultures from around the world. The section I really found useful was the part where the author discussed the dragon found in Iceland. This will really help me with my paper because this is the topic of my paper.

Of particular interest to me is the fact that the dragon was found recently embedded in a glacier. It seems it was reading the poem “Fire and Ice” by Robert Frost at its time of death which really seems ironic. This of course has lead to new theories about dragon literacy. It has been assumed for so many years that dragon were illiterate. This new discovery seems to disprove this theory.

Example #4- A Web Site

Dowhaniuk, P. "Cheaters Never Prosper." www.studentssuck.com.

This web site was a great recourse. The author provided great statistics concerning why students decide to plagiarize essays. He also discusses how teachers can track a source to prove that a student has plagiarized an essay. This information will really help me in my paper because I researching why students cheat on essays.

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Please note: if the web site does not list an author, the just move the citation over to the right. See the example below.

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The author of this web site seems to really know what he/she is talking about. The web site provides many statistics on this topic. It also provides numerous student anecdotes on the subject.