

Annotated Bibliography

Due Date: TBD

You will be creating an annotated works cited to help you find and organize credible sources for your researched argumentative essay. This handout will explain what an annotated bibliography is and what you need to do to create yours.

An annotated works cited helps you organize information from the sources you use. Here are the reasons why researchers use annotated works cited:

1. Encourages you to think critically about the content of the works you are using, their place within a field of study, and their relation to your own research and ideas.
2. Proves you have read and understand your sources.
3. Establishes your work as a valid source and you as a competent researcher.
4. Situates your study and topic in a continuing professional conversation.

In your annotated works cited you will write a paragraph entry for each of your 6+ sources. Each works cited entry should include the following:

1. Summary of the source's claim and its main points (2-3 sentences).
2. Explanation of the author's credibility/ethos (1-2 sentences).
3. Comments on the effectiveness and usefulness of the source for supporting your argument.
4. Explain how this source will help support your argument (2-3 sentences).

Your annotated works cited will be completed using MLA format. See the attached example if you are unsure.

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Annotated Works Cited

Hari, Daoud. *The Translator*. New York: Random House, 2008. Print. Describes the life of Hari as he worked as a translator for foreign media and aid workers in Darfur. Provides descriptions of his experiences during the genocide, including his capture by the Sudanese government. Since the author lived these experiences, it is reasonable to assume that the details in the book are true. I should fact check the information with another reliable source to make sure there are no biases. Now in America, Hari's reflection on the atrocities in Darfur gives detailed information that the world is turning away from. This will be helpful in my argument for more awareness of the situation around the world.

Marlowe, Jen. Adam Shapiro. Aisha Bain. *Darfur Diaries: Stories of Survival*. Avalon, 2006. Print. Tells the stories of people in camps and villages throughout Darfur in the aftermath of Janjaweed attacks on villages. Another source of first hand accounts of the people of Darfur. Since the book presents first hand accounts, the information should be reliable, but I can check it against another source. This source helps gives direct perspective on the crisis in Darfur which will make my argument more compelling.