

Annotated Bibliographies summarized

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Why?

- mostly because your instructor requires it
- but also, because it is excellent preparation for a research project
 - you are forced to read each source more carefully
 - you read more critically rather than just collect information
 - to help you formulate a thesis*
 - gain perspective on what is being said about your topic
 - helps you develop your own point of view on the topic

*good research papers are arguments. The purpose of research is to state and support a thesis. A very important part of research is developing a thesis that is debatable, interesting, and current.

bibliography	-also called “Works Cited”, “References” -a list of sources used for researching a topic -includes just the bibliographic information
annotation	-a summary and/or evaluation of a source
annotated bibliography	-includes a summary and/or evaluation of each listed source
summarize	-what are the main arguments? -what is the point of the book or article? -what topics are covered? -what is the book/article about?
assess (evaluate)	-is it a useful source? -how does it compare with other sources in your bib? -is the information reliable? -is the source biased or objective? -what is the goal of the source?
reflect	-how does it fit into your research? -was the source helpful to you? -how does it help you shape your argument? -how can you use this source in your research paper? -has it changed how you think about your topic?
annotations general format	-written in paragraph form -length varies from a few sentences to a few pages -length depends on purpose: • summaries for your own purposes will be shorter

	• drafts will be shorter than final product • extensive analysis will be longer • check with instructor for purpose
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