Annotated Bibliography

Some professors will require an annotated bibliography. **Annotations** are brief explanations of a source that describe the work and express how it will be used in the paper.

The **annotation** starts after the citation as a new paragraph. The paragraph should be a collection of complete sentences.

**MLA Format**


Classic novel told first-person from a murderer’s perspective.


Woodhouse, C. M. *Dostoyevsky*. Morrison and Gibb Limited, 1951. A biography of the life-story of Dostoyevsky, including the stories of the time period and circumstances under which he wrote his major works.


**Turabian Format**


Classic political philosophy text presenting Rousseau’s version of the “Social Contract” theory of government.

**APA Format**

The APA style annotated reference page serves the same purpose as the MLA annotated works cited and the Turabian annotated bibliography. It is, however, formatted slightly differently than the others. The entire annotation should be indented with an additional three spaces:


The careful writer’s guide to the taboos, bugbears, and outmoded rules of English usage.

Compares the judgments of leading authorities and sources on points of usage and style.

Indent again with three spaces if the annotation is longer than one line.