

Annotated Bibliography

Instructions

You are required to submit an annotated bibliography of 5 scholarly sources (peer-reviewed articles or academic book chapters) that you referenced while creating your unessay. Only 1 of these sources can be a class reading. Your entries must adhere to MLA format: <https://newpaltz.libguides.com/c.php?g=1068794&p=7811364>

An annotated bibliography includes a summary and/or evaluation of each of the sources. Each entry must be 5 to 7 sentences in length.

- Summarize: Some annotations merely summarize the source. What are the main arguments? What is the point of this book or article? What topics are covered? If someone asked what this article/book is about, what would you say? The length of your annotations will determine how detailed your summary is.
- Reflect: Once you've summarized and assessed a source, you need to ask how it fits into your research. Was this source helpful to you? How does it help you shape your argument? How can you use this source in your research project? Has it changed how you think about your topic?

Sample MLA Annotation:

Lamott, Anne. *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life*. Anchor Books, 1995.

Lamott's book offers honest advice on the nature of a writing life, complete with its insecurities and failures. Taking a humorous approach to the realities of being a writer, the chapters in Lamott's book are wry and anecdotal and offer advice on everything from plot development to jealousy, from perfectionism to struggling with one's own internal critic.

In the process, Lamott includes writing exercises designed to be both productive and fun. Lamott offers sane advice for those struggling with the anxieties of writing, but her main project seems to be offering the reader a reality check regarding writing, publishing, and struggling with one's own imperfect humanity in the process. Rather than a practical handbook to producing and/or publishing, this text is indispensable because of its honest perspective, its down-to-earth humor, and its encouraging approach.

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Scholarly Source #2:

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