

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHIES (APA)



A **bibliography** is a list of sources (books, periodicals, websites, etc.) used for researching a topic. In APA format, bibliographies are called “References.”

An **annotation** is a brief summary of each source.

- ⇒ Consider the following questions while writing each annotation:
 - What are the main arguments?
 - What is the point of this book or article?
 - What topics are covered?
 - If someone asked what this source was about, what would you say?
- ⇒ The length of your annotations will determine how detailed your summary is.
- ⇒ The references are listed in alphabetical order, and the annotations are directly under each source’s reference entry.
- ⇒ The annotations for each source are written in academic tone and paragraph form.
- ⇒ The reference entries and annotations should be double-spaced throughout.

Example:

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

In this manual, the American Psychological Association explains the requirements for APA style writing. The manual also outlines the standards for constructing references and citations that comply with APA formatting requirements. The manual is organized by subject, and it explores topics such as crediting sources, writing clearly and concisely, publishing, and others.

* All information adapted from the OWL at Purdue University