Annotated Works Cited Generator

An annotated list of works cited is a list of sources used in the preparation of a research project. Each citation is followed by a brief description and critique of the source. An annotated list of works cited justifies the quality and value of the source to your research.

**Directions:** Use the following questions as prompts for writing your annotation. Items marked with an asterisk *must* be included in your annotation.

1. * Author’s credentials—*What makes the person qualified to write about the topic? If no author, what makes this a credible source?*

2. Scope and purpose of the work—*Is it an overview or a detailed treatment of the topic? Is it persuasive, informational, scholarly or popular? Is it an editorial?*

3. Comparison of the work with others dealing with the same topic or others on your list—*How much information did you get from this source compared to your other sources? (This part may be written in first person)*

4. Intended audience—*Who was it written for? Doctors? Lawyers? Teachers? Scientists? The general public?*

5. * Brief summary of contents—*What is it about?*


7. Evaluation of scope—*Did the author do a good job of covering all aspects of your topic?*

8. *Evaluation of author bias—*Is it obvious that the author is on one side or the other?*

9. * Relative value of the work to the thesis—Describe the value of this source to your research. How did it help you to better understand your topic? (This part may be written in first person)