

Entry 98: Annotated Bibliography Guidelines

Overview	An annotated bibliography is an unnumbered alphabetical list of information sources that includes both a bibliographic citation and an annotation for each entry. An annotation is a short summary following the citation that provides the reader with some information about the book or source.
Bibliographic Information / Annotation	If you followed the directions in entry 11 carefully, your book cards should contain accurate citation information, as well as the information needed for your annotation. Combine what you wrote on the front and back of the cards to create your annotated bibliography. If you find that you are missing information, you will need to find the books that you read before completing your annotated bibliography.
Format	Format your citations as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set-up your page using the MLA formatting guidelines. The bibliography is double spaced, both within the citations and between them. Do not add an extra line between the citations.• Alphabetize entries by the first word that appears in each entry. Do not number entries.• The first line of the citation starts at the left margin. Subsequent lines are indented 4 spaces. This is called a hanging indent.• The annotation is a continuation of the citation. Do not drop down to the next line to start the annotation.
Example	<p style="text-align: right;">Noonan 1</p> <p>Jillian Noonan English 10 Ms. Cowden 24 October 2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Annotated Bibliography – Term 1</p> <p>Burch, Christian. <u>The Manny Files</u>. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006, 296 pages.</p> <p>This is the story of a quirky family that hires an even quirkier male nanny, AKA "the Manny." The only boy in the family, Keats, gains confidence and accepts his differences from mainstream society as he develops a strong friendship with the Manny. This story focuses on the importance of celebrating each person's talents and individuality, and shows how people with differences are interesting, rather than outcasts. This book was written from the perspective of a third-grader, but includes many pop-culture references that would be lost on young kids. It seems that the author wrote the book to be enjoyed by people of all ages. I enjoyed reading about all of the crazy outings and activities the Manny planned, and liked that the story had a serious side to balance out its comic elements.</p> <p>O'Brien, Tim. <u>The Things They Carried</u>. New York: Broadway Books, 1990, 246 pages. This book describes a variety of experiences during the Vietnam War. The author was a soldier in the Vietnam war, and through his stories, he presents a vivid and believable picture of what it was like to be there. Through reading <u>The Things They Carried</u>, people can see that war is complicated and brings out the best and worst in people. This book was written for readers high school age and older who can deal with graphic descriptions of war and death. This book was hard to put down; O'Brien really makes readers understand the complications and frustrations of war.</p>