Why Write an Annotated Bibliography?

- Annotated bibliographies provide an opportunity for you to show your instructor the nature of your research, assess/evaluate the research, and discuss the ways in which each source contributes to the larger context of your paper.
At what point in the research or writing process should you complete an annotated bibliography?

- Complete your annotated bibliography after you have researched your topic, located your sources, and reviewed them for their merits.
- Complete the bibliography before you write your paper. The purpose of the bibliography is to contextualize the sources within a larger framework. That framework will be the basis for your paper and your analysis.
What Do I Include in an Entry for an Annotated Bibliography?


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a. Bibliographic information for your source in the proper format (APA, MLA). The format should be consistent with an entry on the Works Cited or References page.

b. An entry that summarizes, evaluated, and contextualizes the source within the context of the paper.

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Borenstein discusses a link between genetics and a smoking addiction that will allow scientists to developed more individualized ways of cessation specific to body chemistry. While the article does a good job describing the correlation, the author does not hypothesize about the process of tailored cessation, how much it more it would cost, etc. I will use this source for its statistics linking biology and smoking addition.
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