



Annotated Bibliography - MLA Format

An annotated bibliography contains bibliographical information of the sources used for researching a topic, as well as brief evaluations of each of those sources. The purpose of an annotated bibliography is to critically analyze the sources cited, and highlight their relevance and quality.

Format:

- Include bibliographic information of each source following the MLA format
- Write each annotation in paragraph form

Elements of an annotation:

Summarize:

- Describe the main points of the book or article
- Discuss the topics covered
- Mention the author's credibility

Evaluate:

- Discuss the reliability of the source
- Determine whether or not the author is biased or subjective
- Explain how the author provides well-researched evidence to support their ideas

Reflect:

- Discuss whether or not the information was useful to your research
- Explain how you can use the source in your essay
- Discuss how it changed your view on the topic, or if you learned anything new

Sample annotated bibliography for journal article in an online database:

Ollove, Michael. "Why Some Patients Aren't Getting Palliative Care." *Stateline.org*. 10 July 2017. *LexisNexis Academic*. Accessed 15 July 2017.

In this article discussing palliative care, Michael Ollove argues how patients can save money and improve their quality of life. He addresses the problem that palliative care is often confused with hospice care. Ollove also provides a clear definition of what palliative care is. Additionally, the author supports his argument by providing examples of where palliative care programs have benefited patients. The article is helpful to my research, because I plan on discussing why this type of treatment should be available people to people worldwide. Ollove highlights the ways that palliative services increase patients' satisfaction, and also cut down on hospital visits, saving them thousands of dollars annually. Palliative care is relatively new to the field of medicine, and there is still some confusion as to what it is and who should receive it. Ollove's article helps me understand the importance of palliative care, and the challenges preventing it from becoming available



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