Annotated Bibliographies

Annotated bibliographies are not specifically addressed in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th ed. We have taken the example given online at the OWL at Purdue[1] as the basis for formatting. It is a good idea to take careful note of any directions given in your assignment, and to check with your professor if you have specific questions.

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Guidelines

The following is a summary of things to know when creating an APA style annotated bibliography:

- The annotated bibliography consists of two elements
  - Citation in current APA style format
  - Annotation

- The annotation will follow the citation on the next line. There is not an extra space—double spacing is used throughout.

- An annotation is different from an abstract. It should have several sentences summarizing the main points or ideas found in the item. It should then include your own statement evaluating the quality of the item and/or relating the item to your own research topic.

- For a longer annotated bibliography, it is appropriate to divide into sections or topics, and to title those sections as seems fitting.