

Annotated bibliography using APA format

Annotated bibliography using APA References style:

An annotated bibliography includes a paragraph (4 or 5 sentences) that may:

1. summarize the central theme of a work
2. evaluate the content,
3. assess the author's credentials,
4. contrast the source with other work,
5. comment on how this work might be helpful to you in your paper.

References are in alphabetical order.

Here is a sample of an annotated bibliography:

References

Kaufman, P. (2006, February 20). The omnivore's dilemma: A natural history of four meals. *Publisher's Weekly*. Retrieved from <http://Michaelpollan.com/press.php?id=23>.

Pamela Kaufman, a reviewer for *Publisher's Weekly*, praises Michael Pollan's book, which follows the food chain of four meals back to their sources, including a McDonald's lunch and a dinner of supposedly wholesome items from Whole Foods market. She finds Pollan to be a good writer and thorough researcher, not a "preachy" activist. Her brief review is positive, which is why Pollan probably has it posted on his website. This would be a useful source if contrasted against a more critical evaluation of Pollan's work.

Pollan, M. (2002). *The botany of desire: A plant's-eye view of the world*. New York: Random House.

Pollan outlines the history of four crops-- apples, tulips, marijuana and potatoes. He discusses how humans have influenced their evolution and how crops have influenced our cultures. He recounts real stories, rather than myths, about such characters as "Johnny Appleseed," an eccentric loner who helped colonize various apple crops across a new America. As a result, we do not have as many varieties of apples as once existed, and the ones we have are less resistant to pests.

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