

## APA Example: Annotated Bibliography

### Introduction:

An annotated bibliography is a series of entries, each composed of two parts: A) a citation of a resource in APA-style and B) an annotation of that resource, or a brief description, summary, or analysis of the source. You are responsible for creating the description, summary or analysis; do **not** merely take a quote from someone else's description of the material, or from the introduction or abstract provided by the author of the resource.

Most annotated bibliographies have a single topic, or theme. Normally, your instructor will provide with the subject area for your topic and a list of the types of sources that you may include in your annotated bibliography. Examples include books, scholarly journals, government reports, and some web sites. As always, use discretion in selecting your resources.

### Format:

The format of an annotated bibliography is similar to that of a research paper. Use one-inch margins on all sides, double-space your entries and your descriptive abstract, and arrange each entry in alphabetical order. All citations and parenthetical references should be in APA style.

### Example:

Zinn, H. (1997). *A people's history of the United States*. New York: New Press.

In this book the history of the United States is seen from the viewpoint of people who were not necessarily beneficiaries of American democracy. The book concentrates on the experiences of slaves, American Indians, women, and other disenfranchised groups and how they were affected by the major events in American history. It also includes excerpts from primary sources that show many of the country's most famous individuals as members of an elite upper class rather than as idealized heroes. Zinn emphasizes in the introduction that his intent is not to demonize figures such as revolutionary leaders, but to portray them in a more realistic light, as people who, while contributing to the development of the United States, were influenced by the prejudices of their time. As a source of information that is usually not included in history books, *A People's History of the United States* is invaluable to the study of American History.