

Annotation for a Bibliography

In 2-3 sentences, an annotation describes the **relevance**, **value** and **quality** of the source and the person(s) / organization(s) responsible for the content.

An annotation could include any of the following:

- Author's credentials
- Scope and purpose of the work: Is it an overview, persuasive, editorial?
- Comparison of the work with others dealing with the same topic or others in your Bibliography
- Intended audience
- Summary of contents
- Evaluation of research: Is the work logical, clear, and well researched?
- Evaluation of scope: Has the topic been adequately covered?
- Evaluation of author bias
- Relative value of the work to the thesis /project.

Tips for writing the annotation:

- It is not an opinion
- It should be ones own thought not something that is copied
- It should evaluate the source of the information not how the source is used
- Do you have permission to use the source / information / image
- It should be descriptive in nature
- *Web site tip – Find the “About Us” link and learn about the site / source*

The annotation appears after each citation in the bibliography

Annotation Sample:

Wiesel, Elie. Interview by Ted Koppel. *Nightline*. ABC. WABC, New York. 18 April 2002. Television.

Elie Wiesel is a holocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate who has written extensively to combat indifference, intolerance and injustice. The interview, with broadcast journalist Ted Koppel of NBC's award winning news program *Nightline*, focuses on the Elie Wiesel Foundation For Humanity whose mission is to develop youth-oriented programs promoting acceptance, understanding and equality. The interview provides solid evidence to support the essential question of my project and provides historically relevant photographs that will be used to demonstrate injustices around the world, which is a central part of my personal project.