# Annotated Bibliography

# (MLA)

# What is an annotated bibliography?

An annotated bibliography is a list of cited sources that include an evaluation or summary of each source (book, article, website, etc.).

# How is an annotated bibliography different from a works cited page?

There is not much difference between the two. An annotated bibliography is exactly like a works cited page, except for the addition of short evaluations/summaries after each citation.

# How to write an annotation (evaluation or summary):

After reviewing the source, determine the overall purpose of the article and kind of support the author uses to express his/her purpose. What does the author say about the topic?

# Points to remember:

* Set up sources like a works cited page according to MLA guidelines. (For help with MLA citing, see a tutor).
* All of the language in the evaluation/summary should be your own.
* Include information about the purpose, scope, and content of the source.
* Each evaluation/summary will be in standard paragraph form.

# Example:

Frauenheim, Ed. “Stop Reading This Headline and Get Back to Work.” *CNET News.com*. CNET Networks, 11 July 2005. Web. 17 Feb. 2006.

The author examines the results of a study of ten thousand employees conducted by America Online and Salary.com, which found that the Internet was the most popular means of wasting time at work. Frauenheim notes that the extra time spent surfing the Internet is costing companies an estimated $759 billion a year but also quotes the senior vice president at Salary.com and a director at America Online, who argue that employee Internet use actually increases productivity and creativity in the workplace. Frauenheim suggests that the increase in personal Internet use at work might result from a longer average workday and that use of the Internet has made employees more efficient, giving them more free time to waste.