

# How to Write an Annotated Bibliography

For each of the sources you use in an assignment. Complete the following steps then arrange in alphabetical order by the Authors' last names.

1. Write a standard bibliography entry. Use the ADHS referencing generator to help: [http://www.adhs.act.edu.au/ehub\\_library/referencing](http://www.adhs.act.edu.au/ehub_library/referencing)
2. Now write the annotation by following these 3 steps:
  - a. A **summary** of the source: what are the main arguments? What topics are covered? If someone asked you what the source was about, what would you say?
  - b. An **assessment** of the source: is the source relevant to your research? How does it compare with other sources in your bibliography? Is it reliable information? Is it biased, objective? What is the goal of the source?
  - c. A **reflection** of the source: how does it fit into your research? Was the source helpful? Does it change your perspective of your topic? How can you use this source in your research?

## Example:

Almond, Steve. *Candy Freak*. Orlando: Harcourt, Inc, 2004.

In *Candy Freak*, Almond presents a solid history of the candy industry in 20th century America. After describing his love of candy and chocolate in particular, Almond takes the reader on a tour of candy factories across America while discussing how three large corporations (Hershey, M&M/Mars, and Nestle) managed to squeeze out hundreds of candy brands that were produced regionally in this country.

This source provides a basic understanding of the history of candy but doesn't go much further than that. The author's humorous tone makes it interesting to read and also provides some insight in the author's perspective (he seems a bit biased against the big three candy corporations). The information seems reliable but Almond does not provide a bibliography for his book so the reader should take that into consideration while reading. Almond's personal tours through candy factories and conversations with candy makers do lend reliability to his work.

This source will work well for my basic understanding of corporate influence in the free market. I can use this source in my introduction but it doesn't provide much beyond the general. However, *Candy Freak* does provide a possible model for an explanation of how "mom and pop" stores have been supplanted by large corporations in the United States. It may offer insight into how the drink industry and beer industry have evolved over the last 100 years.

Source: Author Unknown, 2013, 'Annotated Bibliography', *Laguna Creek High School*, Accessed 3rd June, 2013, Source:

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