

# Writing an Annotated Bibliography, APA Format

## Overview

An annotated bibliography should list the full citations of each source you plan on referencing in your paper. These sources should be listed in alphabetical order. Directly under each citation should be one paragraph where you give a short synopsis of the source, your evaluation of the source, and how you plan to use it in your paper to strengthen your argument. That's all there is to it!

## Example

### Annotated Bibliography

Levy, Sharon. (2017, September). Paleoecology-looking to the past to inform the future.

*BioScience*, 67(9), 791-798. <https://doi.org/10.1093/biosci/bix093>.

This article uses efficient evidence and research gathered from looking into the history of the Great Lakes to show the direct correlation between human interference and water pollution. The bulk of this research centers around the use of diatoms (a class of algae that are extremely sensitive to changes in their environment). These diatoms allowed scientists to observe the history of these lakes and how runoffs from cities, fertilizers from farms, and the destruction of forests have caused great amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus to flood the lakes, causing parts of lakes to result in dead zones, where no fish can survive due to oxygen-depleted water. I think this article is extremely effective because it utilized extensive research and multiple resources to draw conclusions. This source will ultimately strengthen my argument in my research paper because it strictly proves that humans cause water pollution.

