

Annotated Bibliography Instructions

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There are several potential formats for an annotated bibliography. For this assignment, you need to include a brief summary of the source, covering the main points. Then, you need to evaluate the source. Finally, reflect on the source's potential importance or usefulness for your own research. You may use MLA, Chicago, or APA style for your citations. Your entries should be organized in alphabetical order. Make sure you format each entry as indicated in the sample.

Sample:

Ehrenreich, B. (2001). *Nickel and Dimed: On (not) getting by in America*. New York: Henry Holt and Company.

In this book of nonfiction based on the journalist's experiential research, Ehrenreich attempts to ascertain whether it is currently possible for an individual to live on a minimum-wage salary in America. Taking jobs as a waitress, a maid in a cleaning service, and a Walmart sales employee, the author summarizes and reflects on her work, her relationship with fellow workers, and her financial struggles in each situation. An experienced journalist, Ehrenreich is aware of the limitations of her experiment and the ethical implications of her experiential research tactics; she reflects on these issues in the text. The author is forthcoming about her methods and supplements her experiences with scholarly research on her places of employment, the economy, and the rising cost of living in America. Sections of this book, particularly the statistical data, could be used in my paper to provide evidence about the negative effects of minimum-wage jobs in relation to mental health.