**Annotated Bibliography**

A Bibliography, sometimes referred to as References or Works Cited, is a list of the sources consulted in the research process. A bibliography includes information about these sources such as author, title and publishing information recorded in the appropriate citation style required by the instructor.

An **Annotated Bibliography** adds an evaluation of the usefulness of each source to the writer in researching a topic. It is typically three to seven sentences long.

An **Annotation** may include these elements:

- **Content** – What is it about? It may include a short summary of the article.
- **Purpose** – What is it for? Why was it written? Who is the intended audience? Does it have a bias?
- **Reliability** – Is the information accurate?
- **Authority** – Is it written by someone who has expertise in the field?
- **Currency** – Is it up-to-date for your topic? Is currency important to your topic?
- **Usefulness** – *This must be addressed in the annotation.* How is it relevant to your research? Mention any features of the work that were unique or especially helpful.

Good websites that show examples of annotated bibliographies:

http://lib.calpoly.edu/support/how-to/write-an-annotated-bibliography/

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/