WHAT IS AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY?

An annotated bibliography is a list of citations to books, articles, and documents. Each citation is followed by a brief (usually about 150 words) descriptive and evaluative paragraph, the annotation. The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited.

Example:

**Works Cited Entry:**


**Brief Summary:**

The authors, researchers at the Rand Corporation and Brown University, use data from the National Longitudinal Surveys of Young Women and Young Men to test their hypothesis that nonfamily living by young adults alters their attitudes, values, plans, and expectations, moving them away from their belief in traditional sex roles. They find their hypothesis strongly supported in young females, while the effects were fewer in studies of young males. Increasing the time away from parents before marrying increased individualism, self-sufficiency, and changes in attitudes about families. In contrast, an earlier study by Williams cited below shows no significant gender differences in sex role attitudes as a result of nonfamily living.

**How I know this source is reliable, and how it will be useful in my research paper:**

This article will be useful for my research paper. It is reliable as it appears in a scholarly journal. The information and evidence gives an academic perspective to my topic. The fact that the article breaks down research into gender categories will be especially useful in supporting my topic.
Source #1

Works Cited Entry:

Brief Summary:

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