



# Annotated Bibliography

## WHAT IS AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY?

An annotated bibliography is a list of resources you have used for research that includes a summary and evaluation.

## WHAT DO I INCLUDE IN THE ANNOTATION?

Your annotation should be a minimum of between 4-6 sentences and include a combination of the following:

### Summary and description of the resource

- What is the resource about?
- What information does the resource provide?

### Evaluation of the resource

- Who wrote it? Are they qualified?
- Who is the intended audience of the resource? e.g. researchers, students consumers etc
- How reliable is this resource?
- Are there any special features that are unique or helpful to you? e.g. pictures or graphs
- What are their strengths and weaknesses of the resource?

### Reflection of the resource

- How useful or relevant is the resource for your research?

**Use the CRAAP test to evaluate websites.**

## WHAT DOES AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY LOOK LIKE?

National Geographic. (n.d.). *What is global warming?*. <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/global-warming/global-warming-overview/>

This web page gives a general introduction to global warming and its history. It is written by National Geographic so can be considered a reliable source of information. It includes a short video that explains the concept and summarises the impacts of the issue. The text is easy to read and understand but very general. It also doesn't state when the page was created so it is difficult to know if the information is out of date. Overall, this is good as an introduction to the topic but other resources will provide more detailed information and will be more useful.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

Make sure:

- Your bibliography is in alphabetical order
- Your description and evaluation is in a single paragraph
- You write in full sentences
- You write in the third person and not use 'I'
- You use the literary present tense e.g. "This article describes..."

**Don't forget to use Citefast!**

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