Creating an Annotated Bibliography

NHD
An annotated bibliography is required for all categories

• It should contain all sources that provided usable information or new perspectives in preparing your entry.
• You should list only those sources that contributed to the development of your entry.
• Sources of visual materials and oral interviews must be included.
• The annotations for each source must explain how the source was used and how it helped you understand your topic.
• It should be sorted into two categories—primary and secondary sources—with each category being alphabetized by entry.
• It should be done in MLA format with hanging indentations and double spacing.
Read the Annotated Bibliography page at the NHD site

You can use the following URL address...

http://www.nhd.org/AnnotatedBibliography.htm

Or...

• You can pull up the NHD site
• Go to the contest drop down menu
• Click on annotated bibliography

Don’t forget to check out the links at the bottom of the page

http://www.nhd.org/AnnotatedBibliographyLinks.htm
Setting up your NHD Annotated Bibliography

Only list items which you actually use; if you looked at a source but it didn't help you at all, don't list it in your bibliography.
Setting up your NHD Annotated Bibliography

• Create a word document just for your annotated bibliography.
• See the examples for how to format the bibliography.
• Use Arial, Times, or any easily read font. Do not use decorative or fancy fonts. Entries are done in 12 font.
• Divide into two sections and label – Primary Sources and Secondary Sources
• Double Space all entries and use hanging indents.

Your NHD Title (14 font)
Annotated Bibliography (14 font)
Your full name (12 font)

Primary Sources:

Secondary Sources:
George Washington: A Leader of Intelligence
Annotated Bibliography
Jane Doe

Primary Sources:

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Secondary Sources:

This interesting book about Washington’s spying during the Revolutionary War helped me find primary sources for my quotations and led me to other documents. It also provided ciphers to use in my project. I used some of the code to show how they communicated.
Citation Machine

Over the years most of my students have learned to use this online MLA format template to do their citations. Use the hotlist link and bring up Son of Citation Machine

http://www.citationmachine.net/
Citation Machine

Citation Machine
Serving Students & Teachers
K-12, College, & University

Citation Machine is an interactive web tool
designed to assist high school, college, and
university students, their teachers, and
independent researchers in their effort to
respect other people's intellectual properties.
To use Citation Machine, simply...

1. Click the citation format you need and then the
type of resource you wish to cite,

2. Complete the Web form that appears with
information from your source, and

3. Click Make Citations to generate standard
bibliographic and in-text citations.
1. Click the citation format you need and then the type of resource you wish to cite,
2. Click on the type of source that you are citing—see box to right.
3. Complete the Web form that appears with information from your source, and
4. Click **Make Citations** to generate standard bibliographic and in-text citations.

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**MLA**

**PRINT**

- Book - One or more Authors
- Encyclopedia or other reference work
- Journal Article - One or More Authors
- Magazine Article - One or More Authors

**NON-PRINT**

- Internet Journal or Magazine Article - One or More Authors
- Online Encyclopedia (Not defined in MLA Handbook)
- Encyclopedia (CD-ROM)
- Web Document
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So—how do I get my citation to my document?

• Once you’ve submitted your entry, Citation Machine will format it for you. Then you can copy and paste it into your bibliography. Be sure you copy all of the punctuation and the entire citation.
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So what's an annotation?


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• An annotation normally should be about -3 sentences long. You might be tempted to create page-long annotations to impress people. Don't do it! Lengthy annotations are usually unnecessary and inappropriate, and might be considered an effort to "pad" the bibliography.

• The Contest Rule Book states that the annotations "must explain how the source was used and how it helped you understand your topic." Do not recount what the source said.