Annotated Bibliography Assignment & Sample Entry

For each of at least four potential sources, including one with which you disagree, provide the following information:

- Citation in MLA Works Cited Format
- Summary of the source
- Evaluation of the source
- Description of its applicability to your own essay

You will not be required to use each source from your bibliography in your essay—this assignment is intended to help you decide which sources to use.

SAMPLE ANNOTATION OF A POTENTIAL SOURCE:


Lamott's book offers honest advice on the nature of a writing life, complete with its insecurities and failures. Taking a humorous approach to the realities of being a writer, the chapters in Lamott's book are wry and anecdotal and offer advice on everything from plot development to jealousy, from perfectionism to struggling with one's own internal critic.

In the process, Lamott includes writing exercises designed to be both productive and fun. Lamott offers sane advice regarding writing, publishing, and struggling with one's own imperfect humanity in the process. Rather than a practical handbook to producing and/or publishing, this text is indispensable because of its honest perspective, its down-to-earth humor, and its encouraging approach.

Chapters in this text could be included in the curriculum for a writing class. Several of the chapters in Part 1 address the writing process and would serve to generate discussion on students' own drafting and revising processes. Some of the writing exercises would also be appropriate for generating classroom writing exercises. Students should find Lamott's style both engaging and enjoyable.

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