

Annotated Bibliography and 'Primary Source'

A MLA (Modern Language Association) **Annotated Bibliography** is a list of citations to books, articles, documents. Each citation is followed by a brief 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. They must be typed, double-spaced and in alphabetical order.

Examples

Anderson, Alex. Fabric Shopping with Alex Anderson. Lafayette: C&T Publisher, 2000.

This book focuses on seven different designs of fabrics and the three basic rules of putting together the fabrics and color combinations. I found the basic rules on how to put together the fabrics in order to put in a pattern helped me with ideas on designing my quilt.

Hadden, Cindy: Personal Interview. 5 November 2006. Mrs. Hadden is the Secretary of the Registration Office at XYZ High School. She is also my mentor. She has sewn for forty years and quilted for thirty. She has helped my understand the instructions for making my quilt, named 'Trip Around the World'.*

O'Bryan Puentes, Nancy. First Aid for Family Quilts. Wheatridge: Moon over the Mountain Publishing Company, 1989. This pamphlet provides various ways to maintain good condition of a quilt, and how to clean it. I have found it helpful because it can help a quilt last longer and I also know how to take care of it so the fabrics will not be hurt.

NOTE: These citations would be doubled-spaced when presented in their final form.

*This is a primary source.

Primary vs. Secondary Sources

Primary sources are records of events as they are first described, without any interpretation or commentary. They can be sets of data, interviews, diaries, research results, surveys, autobiographies and so on.

Secondary sources, on the other hand, offer an analysis or a restatement of primary sources. Examples include dictionaries, encyclopedias, textbooks and biographies.

Examples

	Primary Source	Secondary Source
Art	Original artwork	Article critiquing the piece of art
History	Slave diary	Book about the underground railway
Literature	Poem	Essay on a particular genre of poetry
Theatre	Video of a performance	Biography of a playwright
Any	Interview about a subject	A text written about a subject