

Annotated Bibliography assignment

Construct an annotated bibliography of potential sources for an essay on *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*. There should be at least one source on the following topics: **Frederick Douglass, Realism, the abolition movement, slave narratives.**

An annotated bibliography is a list of citations for research sources. Each citation is followed by an annotation, a brief descriptive and evaluative paragraph about the source. The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited.

Some things your annotation must include are:

1. Evaluation of the source for usefulness of the information;
2. A summary of the information in the source: Who, What, When, Where, How, etc.
3. 100-150 words per summary

Example of a Citation and Annotation, from the University of Missouri Libraries website:

London, Herbert. "Five Myths of the Television Age." *Television Quarterly* 10.1 (1982): 81-89. Academic Search Premiere. Web. 10 Oct. 2010.

Herbert London, the Dean of Journalism at New York University and author of several books and articles, explains how television contradicts five commonly believed ideas. He uses specific examples of events seen on television, such as the assassination of John Kennedy, to illustrate his points. His examples have been selected to contradict such truisms as: "seeing is believing"; "a picture is worth a thousand words"; and "satisfaction is its own reward." London uses logical arguments to support his ideas which are his personal opinion. He doesn't refer to any previous works on the topic; however, for a different point of view, one should refer to Joseph Patterson's, "Television is Truth" (*The Journal of Television* 45 (6) November/December 1995: 120-135). London's style and vocabulary would make the article of interest to any reader. The article clearly illustrates London's points, but does not explore their implications, leaving the reader with many unanswered questions.