

MLA

# ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

## What is it? Citation + Annotation

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### *Parts of an annotated bibliography:*

1

A proper citation

2

A brief paragraph/annotation (usually 150 words). The annotation may include:

**A**

Qualifications of the author(s)

**B**

A summary of the main ideas

**C**

An evaluation of the source

**D**

An explanation of why the source is useful for your assignment

The annotation/ brief paragraph follows immediately after the citation. The annotation will inform the reader of the relevancy, accuracy, and quality of the source.

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### Formatting the annotated bibliography

- Format the citation using the proper MLA style
- Use hanging indentation for the citation
- The annotation is a continuation of the citation
- Double space the annotated bibliography

## An Example of a MLA Annotated Bibliography Entry from the University of Waterloo

**Connor, Daniel. "Imagistic Density in the Short Stories of Margaret Laurence." *Can-Con Currents* 13 (2009): 158-87. (A)**

**Daniel Connor is one of the very few scholars to focus exclusively on Margaret Laurence's short stories instead of her novels, the more common topic of inquiry for critics (B). In this study, he coins the term "imagistic density" to describe the Laurence's selective clustering of images as a way that reinforces thematic and symbolic associations important to plot and character development. Focusing particularly on her beginnings and endings, he reveals how these images act as motifs that lead to what he terms a "subliminal resonance" in the response of readers (C). Though there is clearly some merit in his approach, at times the grouping of images seems more inadvertent than intentional, and his claim that Laurence rivals James Joyce in artistic accomplishment appears exaggerated. Nonetheless, this article is useful in considering Laurence's choices of imagery (D).**

**(A) Bibliographic information**

**(B) Relevant information about author. Because article is a peer-reviewed academic journal, its credibility is already established**

**(C) Summary of main arguments and their development**

**(D) Elaboration of strengths and limitations of work, as well as usefulness to project**

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