



## Annotated Bibliography (American Psychological Association)

The following examples are reference page entries using the **APA style**.

A "**references page**" lists the sources used in a paper. The works cited gives all the information a reader would need in order to find the sources quickly and easily.

### **Example:**

Chellis, B. A. (1969). Those extraordinary twins: Negroes and whites. American Quarterly, 21, 100-12.

An **annotated bibliography** goes one step further. Along with providing basic bibliographical information, it provides a brief summary of the main points or arguments of a source.

While the documentation in MLA and APA is different, the annotation is done the same way.

### **Example:**

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Chellis perceives Pudd'nhead Wilson as an exposure of "the fiction of law and custom" that has justified distinctions between blacks and whites. Chellis notes that Twain develops his theme through his characterizations of Roxy, Tom, and Chambers. According to Chellis, Roxy's "crime" – condemning the real Tom to slavery – stems not from the influence of her race but from that of her white values. As the author points out, Tom is spoiled and selfish – the kind of person produced by white society's values. She maintains that the invalidity of race distinctions is further pointed out through the servility of Chambers, who is white, and that black "servility" is ultimately seen to be nothing more than the result of training (pp. 100-12).