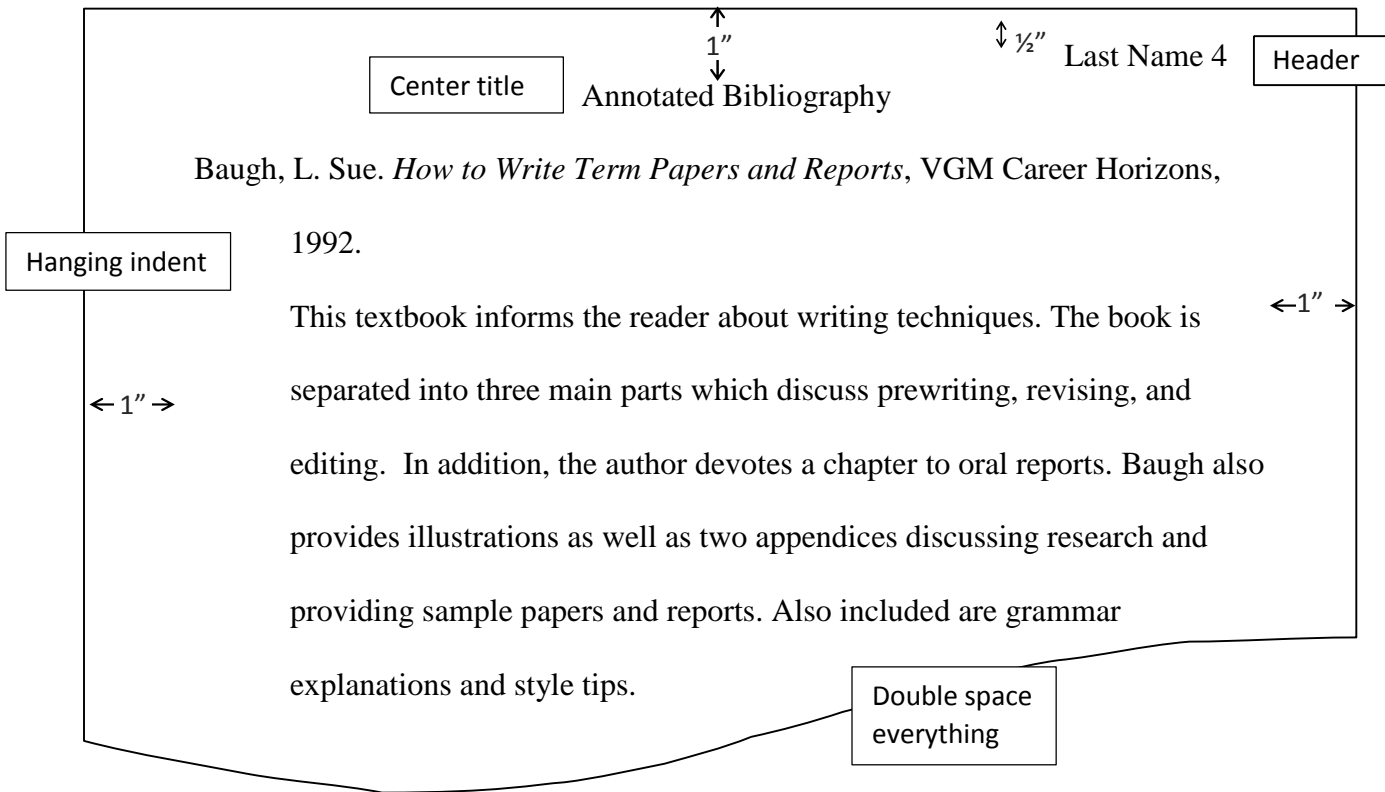




## Annotated Bibliography: MLA Style

**What is an Annotated Bibliography?** An annotated bibliography contains a works cited entry of a possible source followed by a short paragraph or summary (100 – 200 words) describing the work and how you will use it in your paper.



### To write an annotated bibliography:

**Cite and annotate** - Depending on the purpose of your bibliography, some annotations may:

- Summarize a source
- Assess or evaluate a source
- Reflect on the source’s possible uses
- Discuss research methodology
- Reflect on strengths, weaknesses, or biases in the material

Consider the purpose of your annotated bibliography and/or your instructor’s directions when deciding how much information to include in your annotations.

**Tip:** Annotated bibliographies are arranged alphabetically by the authors’ last names and are indented so that the author's last name is the only text that is flush left.

**Note:** For information on formatting MLA citations, refer to *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Individual instructor’s specifications may vary, so check with your instructor before formatting and submitting your work.

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