The Annotated Bibliography

For an annotated bibliography, use standard APA format for the citations, then add a brief abstract for each entry, including:

- 2 to 4 sentences to summarize the main idea(s) of the item, and
- 1 or 2 sentences to relate the material to your research topic and/or to evaluate the material.
- Do a normal hanging indent (one-half inch) for your source citation, and then indent an additional 2 spaces for your annotation.
- Note that sometimes your source citation only covers 1 line, as in the first citation for Andreadis below. In that case, your annotation still goes 2 spaces beyond the normal hanging indent of 0.5”.
- Note: For this exercise, it is acceptable to single-space your bibliography entries.

The Impact of Star Trek: An Annotated Bibliography


The mission of Star Trek Enterprise was to seek out new life. Harvard biologist Andreadis takes on the various life forms covered in the series and examines the physiology, psychology, and sociology of the now-familiar Vulcans, Klingons, androids, and shape shifters. How likely is teleportation? Do we rate aliens by “snuggability”? Her analysis of biological science, from cloning to symbiosis, is enlightening and entertaining.


Star Trek may have been placed in the future, but many episodes bear homage to literary classics, a list which includes Hamlet, Ulysses, Moby Dick, and Dracula. Classic authors cited include Booker T. Washington, Edgar Allan Poe, and Shakespeare. Broderick, an English professor, examines plot lines and themes for all five series and ten movies. A delightful read.


While Trek mythos writers tried to downplay stereotypes, Consalvo examines how well they succeeded by looking at female representation in the cyborg world. Individualism vs the hive, sexuality vs androgyny, and Seven of Nine vs the Queen are topics that Consalvo examines for implications for our medical technology and societal impact.

Early Trek had an incredible impact on future engineers, scientists and technologists, inspiring them to create the devices we now take for granted such as MP3 players, flat screen plasma monitors, wireless communication devices, and universally accessible computer technology in all aspects of our daily lives. Since the first Enterprise took flight, the leap in technological advancement outpaces any other 40-year period in history.


Early series examined "social, cultural, and political changes" from the 60's thru early 90's using many stereotypes. DS9 continued the mission to examine social inequalities but went intellectually deeper into relationships of family, friendship, and sexuality, “using more positive culture symbols” and group dynamics.


Early *Trek* downplayed the role of religion in the future. Later series, particularly *Deep Space Nine*, and *Voyager*, fully embraced religious diversity, gently exploring the culture of both human and various alien races, their views on life and death, immortality, spirituality, and scriptures. *Star Trek* not only envisioned alien mythologies but also became a mythology itself.


William Shatner, aka Captain Kirk, displays his down-to-earth sense of humor as he explains some of the complex and cutting-edge technology scientists in the U.S. are developing today. From holodeck VRs to time travel, communicators to tricorders, Shatner explores the ever-narrowing gap between science fiction and science fact. Highlighting older *Star Trek* sci-fi technology, we now take for granted, he gives us a look ahead to coming innovations in the not-so-distant future.

(Annotated Bibliography adapted from "Writing the Annotated Bibliography" from the Tallahassee Community College Library Reference Department (March 2009) found at the following URL: http://wwwold.tcc.fl.edu/Current/Academics/Library/Documents/annotaturabian.pdf)

**Note:** The *APA Manual* is silent on annotated bibliographies. The APA Style Blog explains it this way:

The APA Style Experts are often asked to provide the “official APA-approved format” for annotated bibliographies (i.e., bibliographies that contain the author’s comments on each source). As you may have guessed, there isn’t one; APA Style doesn’t use bibliographies of any sort. In addition, though, the reference list in APA Style contains only the information that is necessary to help the reader uniquely identify and access each source. That’s why there is no format for an annotated bibliography in the *Publication Manual*. (Hume-Pratuch, 2014, para. 5)