Annotated Bibliographies

**Purpose**: An annotated bibliography is essentially a way for you to keep track of and organize sources used for a research paper. Creating an annotated bibliography, if done well, makes it easier to write a literature review.

**Parts of an Annotation**

1. The citation of the source in APA Style.
2. Summary of the article, book, or other document.
   a) Include definitions of key terms of interest.
   b) Include findings (what did the study discover?). Consider the strength of these findings – why are the findings strong or debatable?
   c) Add a sentence that states how the present sources relates to (agrees, disagrees, and/or extends) the other sources.

**Example of an Annotation**


Richmond, Lane, and McCroskey (2006) discuss the importance of immediacy in the classroom defined by Mehrabian (1968) as feelings of psychological closeness. Immediacy can be verbal or nonverbal and includes such behaviors as calling someone by name, establishing eye contact, smiling, and using inclusive language. The chapter summarizes over 40 years of research in this area and concludes that immediacy increases student positive affect toward the teacher and content, but has no relations with student cognitive learning outcomes. This work is central to my research paper as it includes references to multiple studies in this area and evaluates the research for me. The findings differ from earlier published research studies that claim that affect is positively related to cognitive learning.