



Annotated Bibliographies (Information Literacy) ¹

Objectives:

- Practice APA citation
- Learn and write the parts of oral citation
- Summarize research sources
- Provide a rationale for choosing the particular source



Overview:

Students will turn in an annotated bibliography for each source they plan on using for their speeches. The annotated bibliography includes a citation of the source in APA format. The parts of oral citation so that students can begin to check the credibility of their sources and so they are more prepared to do oral citations. Students will then summarize the source in one paragraph highlighting the parts that make it most pertinent to their particular speech topics. Finally, students will provide a one paragraph rationale as to why they chose the particular source and what value it adds to their speeches.

An example follows.

***I do not have a rubric or point system set up for this yet, but I think it will be more of a personal choice for instructors. I am requiring that my students turn in two annotated bibliographies two weeks before their speech and two one week before. This ensures that they are researching in advance, and it allows me to check sources before they present them to the class.

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Speech topic: Roe vs. Wade

APA Citation

(2008, January 22). 35 Years after *Roe* ruling, new trends and old divisions. *USA Today*. Retrieved January 30, 2008, from <http://blogs.usatoday.com/oped/2008/01/our-view-on-abo.html?loc=interstitialskip>

Oral Citation

Source: USA Today article “35 Years after *Roe* ruling, new trends and old divisions”
Author: Editorial Board
Date: January 22, 2008
Credibility: Nationally recognized newspaper

Summary

As *Roe vs. Wade* enters its 35th year, proponents and opponents of the court ruling are still debating. For the past three decades, people have fought to stop abortion and continue fighting with little change to public opinion on the topic. This article argues that abortion rates are going down regardless of the arguments. There are less abortion clinics and fewer women receiving abortions than in previous years. The authors argue that advances in birth control and lack of access to abortion clinics may be the reason for the decreasing numbers as opposed to public opinion or prolife advocates. The article describes the debate over abortion as one that is a distraction from important issues and one that divides of American society. They call for making abortion safer and less common in order to promote women’s health.

Rationale

Although this article is an editorial, it continues the discussion on *Roe vs. Wade*. The authors use national statistics and expert testimony to support their ideas. The article is in a nationally recognized newspaper and is extremely current. I plan to use more historical, less bias sources for the rest of my speech, but I thought it was also important to recognize current public beliefs and see how the issue is being discussed today.