An annotated bibliography consists of three parts: a works cited entry for your source, one paragraph summarizing your source, and one paragraph evaluating your source. Here’s an example:


This book is about how kindergarten now focuses more on academic skills than it did in the past. According to Schmidt’s book, kindergarten used to be about learning social skills and how to be a student. Now, because high-pressure testing starts earlier and earlier, kids are missing out on learning social skills because they have to get ready for the tests. This means that kids who haven’t had preschool are behind on their first day of school.

This is a good source for my paper because it gives me a lot of relevant facts to support my thesis that there is too much testing too soon. The author is an elementary school teacher with twenty-three years of experience, so she knows what she is talking about.