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An annotated bibliography is a works cited or reference page with notes at the end of each entry. The notes should include the author's thesis, main points, and your evaluation of the material. Below is an example:

Works Cited

Goldschneider, Frank and Arthur Waite. "Lightsail Could Drive Cost Effective Mars Colonization Project." *Journal of Advanced Spacecraft Propulsion*, vol. 16, no. 2 2, pp. 899-943. Goldschneider and Waite, engineers for Boeing-Lockheed, propose that their design for a lightsail spacecraft is an economical way to supply the initial stages of a Mars colony. NASA's Mars colonization budget, already strapped due to cost overruns for the project, could benefit, the authors claim, from such a cheap source of power. The authors agree with similar studies that point out that current cost overruns are mainly because of the necessity of carrying vast amounts of reaction mass on any mission that uses chemical rockets. The information is reliable because the authors have worked in the field for several years and their work has been peer-reviewed.

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