Annotated Bibliography Examples

Kenobi, O.W. (1977). Mos Eisley spaceport: A wretched hive of scum and villainy. *Journal of Intergalactic Spaceports, 7,* 42-50. doi: 4815162342

Kenobi presents a solid argument for the wretchedness of the Mos Eisley spaceport. His research is thorough, current, and his claims are well-supported. He examines the denizens of the spaceport, thoroughly documenting the caliber of their occupations and characters, setting up a firm argument for their inadequacy as galactic citizens. Based on a thorough review of the literature, an exhaustive survey of his sample population, and an analysis of the data using SPSS, he concludes that there is no spaceport more wretched than Mos Eisley. Based on other literature in the field, and the ample support provided by Kenobi in this article, the conclusions drawn here seem valid. Kenobi is a prolific researcher in this field, with 85 publications in peer-reviewed journals, and 5 texts published with well-regarded academic publishers. This article is published in the leading journal of spaceport research, indicating credibility for the article and an intended audience of other spaceport experts.

Skywalker, L. (1981). Dagobah: Swamp planet or treasury trove of secret knowledge? *Journal of Jedi Studies, 77*, 293-309. Retrieved from http://www.journalof jedistudies.org

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Solo, H., & Organa, L. (1983). I am not a committee: Building a relationship during a galactic civil war. *Journal of Interpersonal Attraction, 4,* 77-90. doi: 934.1701.007

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