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The author has clearly selected an information resource that relates to and will be useful for the assignment topic.

The information resource is correctly identified as a book.

One Search is a great place to find high-quality information sources for an assignment.

This correct APA citation provides a great first impression for the annotation!!

**It can be tricky to:**
- locate quality information resources
- work out the difference between an eBook, journal article and web pages
- master academic writing.

**Top Tip:**
Access help at your JCU Library and Learning Centre!!
The authors provide a thorough political and historical view of the 17th Century witch trials in Germany. They look closely at the geographical and socio-political aspects of the country at this time, and clearly shows that insufficient political authority brought about chaos and stimulated social anxiety. The authors follow the progression of witch hunts from initial superstitions surrounding poor crops and destructive hailstorms, to a belief in an inherent evil. They argue that the eradication of witches became a politically motivated moral obligation, further stimulated by the publication of treatises that outlined procedures for dealing with ‘witches’.
Summary - comments:

1. The writer offers up a position by suggesting that the publication provides detailed and sufficient information regarding the topic in the opening sentence of the annotation.

2. The beginning of this sentence reveals the main arguments/ideas put forward by the authors of the publication.

3. The writer provides insight into notions of truth and ways of knowing in the chosen time and place (attitudes towards witches in 17th Century Germany), and subsequent implications this understanding or belief had on people at the time.

4. The writer connects how the belief and truth at the time shaped (or impacted on) political discourse and led to political policy and practices that encouraged the condemnation of perceived witches in 17th Century Germany.
Evaluation of the reliability and credibility of the source (75-100 words)
The evaluation should consider:

- the credentials of the author or creator
- the credentials of the publisher
- the scope or comprehensiveness of the information on the topic
- the quality and number of works referenced in the source

- if any statistics or other quantitative data are tabulated or referred to
- the quality of images, illustrations, maps or other visual material and whether this material deepens and expands the analysis

5 This book provides an comprehensive understanding of the political conditions affecting witch trials in Germany at the time and the effect on truth and 'ways of knowing'. More than 20 books and journal articles from the 1950s to 2003 are cited as sources, and there are appendices listing the names of people persecuted as witches and several maps showing the geographic spread of the witch craze at its height. University of Pennsylvania Press (2018) is the current academic publisher of this text, and this publisher confirms authors Ankarloo and Clark are Professors of History. Likewise, Monter’s profile provides evidence that he is a Professor Emeritus with expertise in witchcraft (Department of History, n.d.).
Evaluation of the reliability and credibility of the source - comments:

5 The beginning of this sentence (particularly the word ‘comprehensive’) reinforces evaluation of the source.

6 This section clearly links witch trials with Germany’s political condition, and the country's view of truth and ways of knowing at the time.

7 The author incorporates evidence to back-up the assertion 'the book provides a comprehensive understanding' (evaluating reliability and credibility). Many scholarly sources were consulted and the authors are credible experts in the field.
An assessment of the usefulness of the source for your research towards Assessment Task 2 (approx. 50 words)

8 This book is relevant for the topic as it looks at ‘truth’ from the perspective of a ‘controlling’ truth or one that may have been deliberately circulated as part of a political campaign that spread throughout the country. However, the authors skim over factors of religion and superstition.
The writer states the publication is particularly useful to the research topic and summarises the lens in which the truth at the time was viewed (or controlled) at the time by political agendas.

Here we see the publication fails to go into detail regarding religious and superstitious beliefs held at the time.

The writer shows sophistication by identifying publication limitations. Additional research would be required (if the author wants to include these areas in Assignment Task 2).
Documentation: For PRINT sources, include a scan of the publication details (either the verso page of the book, verso and contents page for a book chapter, first page and abstract of a journal article); OR, for an online source, the URL for this information (NB: screen shots of webpages are not acceptable).

This annotation is for a book, so the verso page (look for the page with tiny writing at the start of the book) has been scanned and inserted here.

The image is on it's side to make it larger for this training resource.
Additional references: (include references for any sources that you cite for supporting information in your annotations).


The above are examples of APA references for web pages.

They provide evidence for the writer's assertion that Ankarloo, Clark and Monter are credible and have expertise in the field.

Word count: 254 (within +/-10% of the 250 word allowance)