FYEX 1000
FiSH(ing) for Information: An Annotated Bibliography

For this assignment, you will select a topic and use the FiSH (First, Search Here) search tool to find 2 sources related to your topic. You will provide a citation for each source. You will also write a brief paragraph for each source describing what type of source you have found, how the information in it relates to your topic, and how up-to-date the information in it is.

Assignment Goals: You will...
- Articulate your information need in a clear statement of your topic;
- Search the library’s FiSH (First, Search Here) search tool to find appropriate sources;
- Select 2 sources that meet the Source Type Criteria outlined in the assignment;
- Provide APA or MLA database-generated citations for each of the 2 sources;
- Explain how the sources you have found relate to your topic;
- Determine how the publication dates of the sources impact your understanding of the topic.

Please note: It is important to read the assignment instructions and follow them carefully. This short annotated bibliography is designed as a basic introduction to the skills you will need to do research assignments in college. For this project, you will not be writing a complete research paper. You will only be finding and evaluating 2 sources. When you come to part 3 of the assignment, be sure to follow all of the steps and answer all of the questions.

Assignment Instructions:
Go to the FYEX 1000 Research Guide (http://research.lakelandcc.edu/FYEX1000) to view the FiSH tutorials and read the Example Completed FYEX Annotated Bibliography Assignment before starting your work. They contain important information on using library resources to complete this assignment.

1. SELECT A TOPIC:
You may pick any topic that you are interested in researching and learning more about. It could be something related to this class, college, a hobby or interest, or something you’ve heard about in the media.

Once you’ve selected a topic of interest to you, write it out in a clear topic sentence. This will be the first step in completing your annotated bibliography.

2. SEARCH FOR ARTICLES, USING THE FOLLOWING SOURCE TYPE CRITERIA:
Consult the “Connect Beyond the Book” handout and video tutorials found on the FYEX 1000 Research Guide (http://research.lakelandcc.edu/FYEX1000) since these resources will help you understand how to identify academic journal, magazine, and trade publication articles. After doing so, you should access the Lakeland Library site in myLakeland to search FiSH.

Use the FiSH search to select 2 articles related to your topic:
- 1 article from an academic journal.
- 1 article from a magazine, trade publication, or newspaper.
3. CREATE A WORD DOCUMENT, AND WRITE THE FOLLOWING:

A. TOPIC STATEMENT
State your topic in a single sentence. Refer to the example annotated bibliography.

B. THE CITATION
Use the citation tool in FiSH to generate an APA or MLA citation for each of the 2 sources (articles) you have found.

Once you have selected an article through the FiSH Search, there will be a "cite" tool / icon on the right side of the page. Click on that, and your citation will be provided in multiple formats. For this assignment, you need to provide the citation in APA or MLA format. In other words, you do not need to figure out how to compose the citation yourself. It is actually done for you. Be consistent and use the same style for both citations.

C. THE ANNOTATION
Below each citation provide the following information in a concisely written paragraph:

- **Relevance** — Answer each of the following questions to determine the relevance of the source to your topic:
  - Explain what information the source adds to your understanding of the topic.
  - What type of source did you select, i.e. academic article, magazine article, trade article, or newspaper article?
  - Does the source you found give you the “big picture” on your topic or does it deal with a more focused aspect of it? Explain using details from the article.

- **Currency** — Answer each of the following questions to determine how current the source is regarding your topic and whether or not you need more up-to-date information on it.
  - Considering your topic, explain how the date of publication might impact the value of the information in the source.
  - When was the article published? Would that date of publication be current enough to provide up-to-date information?
  - If the article is older, what information in it might still be useful to your research? What points in it would you need to find additional, more up-to-date information on to get a better idea of your topic in the present day?

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