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LIB 120 Assignment #7 Annotated Bibliography, Part 4: Web Pages

This Assignment Will Help You...

- Locate web pages relevant to your topic
- Critically evaluate web-based resources
- Correctly cite materials found on the web
- Amass the last three citations, annotations, and supporting materials for the project!

This assignment is an important part of your Semester Project! Please let me know if you have any questions or problems while completing the assignment!

Searching for Sources

Use an Internet search tool to find **three relevant, quality** web pages on your topic. You can use a search engine or directory discussed in class, or any other tool that searches the open web.

Make sure you get *good, quality* sources you could use for your research! Avoid sites that are lists of links or are bibliographies. You need a source that has substantial content.

Investigating and Evaluating the Source

For each page you find, fill in the requested information below and provide a detailed evaluation of the quality of each source, and take into consideration the evaluation criteria discussed in class. *Please be specific and complete.*

If you'd like to see some more evaluation criteria, look at this guide, assembled by librarians at Illinois State University's Milner Library:

<http://www.mlb.ilstu.edu/ressubj/subject/intrnt/evaluate.htm> .

Get Supporting Materials

For each, print out the page you intend to use. Then, go back to the home page of each site you found, and print that out. If it's really long, just print out the first page of each.

To get to the home page of the site, remove everything after the first / -- for example, for <http://www.mlb.ilstu.edu/ressubj/subject/intrnt/evaluate.htm> , I would go to <http://www.mlb.ilstu.edu> .

Creating Your Citations & Annotations

On a separate page, create a citation and annotation for each page you intend to use.

Citations for web sites can be tricky. You might have a company as an author, or you might have an individual. Use RefWorks, but enter the information by hand. The green checkmarks next to the fields will give you a clue as to what you need to have.

When writing your annotation, remember to include the summary, credentials, relevance, and whether you think the resource might be scholarly, popular, or special interest!

Documenting the Process

Finally, write an entry for your **Research Log** (typed, double spaced) about searching the Internet for quality sites on your topic. What steps did you take? Was it easy? Hard? Were you able to find sites fairly quickly, or did you have to try many links before you found good ones? Attach your entry to this assignment.

What You're Handing In

- This packet
- Printouts of the web sites (at least three pages)
- Citations and annotations for the sites (1-3 pages)
- A research log for this assignment (1-2 pages)

SITE #1

Title of the web site you found:

URL (web address):

Name of search engine used:

How **exactly** you typed in your search:

WHO is the intended audience of this site?

WHO wrote the site? What are the author's credentials?:

WHAT is the domain of the site you found? (e.g. *.edu*, *.com*, *.gov*, etc.)

WHAT is the site about? Please give a brief overview of the content of the site:

WHEN: Is the site recent? Does it cover the time period you need it to? Does the time period matter for your research?

WHERE is the site hosted? Is it a company? A government site? A personal page (from AOL, etc.)? Is it from the United States, or is it from another country?

WHY was this site created?

HOW accurate or reliable is this site? How do you know?

HOW is the topic discussed? Is the site objective? Is there a bias?

HOW is the site laid out? What is the structure? Is it easy to navigate?

Conclusion - Is this a quality source of information? Why or why not?

SITE 2

Title of the web site you found:

URL (web address):

Name of search engine used:

How **exactly** you typed in your search:

WHO is the intended audience of this site?

WHO wrote the site? What are the author's credentials?:

WHAT is the domain of the site you found? (e.g. *.edu*, *.com*, *.gov*, etc.)

WHAT is the site about? Please give a brief overview of the content of the site:

WHEN: Is the site recent? Does it cover the time period you need it to? Does the time period matter for your research?

WHERE is the site hosted? Is it a company? A government site? A personal page (from AOL, etc.)? Is it from the United States, or is it from another country?

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Conclusion - Is this a quality source of information? Why or why not?

SITE 3

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URL (web address):

Name of search engine used:

How **exactly** you typed in your search:

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WHO wrote the site? What are the author's credentials?:

WHAT is the domain of the site you found? (e.g. *.edu*, *.com*, *.gov*, etc.)

WHAT is the site about? Please give a brief overview of the content of the site:

WHEN: Is the site recent? Does it cover the time period you need it to? Does the time period matter for your research?

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