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**Preliminary Research Assignment**

**Description:**
Essay #3 is an argumentative essay, with a research component, on a social issue. Your first task is to identify a social issue you are interested in writing about. Then, find 2 credible sources to support your argument. Now, true research papers are more than a loose collection of anecdotal memories or a patchwork of data pulled from several books. A true research paper will be a unique and appropriate integration of evidence you have located from outside sources and your personal insights. An important step in the research process is conducting effective research.

**Directions:**
Examine how you go about conducting research? Compare your prior knowledge to the image below on the topic of conducting effective research. How is your approach similar or different? Post a response to the Canvas course discussion board. In addition, respond to a peer’s response on Canvas.

After evaluating your research process, conduct online research to respond to the following essay prompt. Find at least three (3) online sources to support your argumentative essay.

Subsequently, write an essay in which you analyze or argue on a social issue.
As you begin your research, understand the types of online resources available to you (google, ARC library and databases, ebooks, books, etc). Critically read and evaluate the sources for purpose, tone, and audience. Take effective notes while reading and evaluating.

ARC Library

www.arc.losrios.edu/arclibrary.htm

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www.Libguides.arc.losrios.edu/index.php

Email three (3) online full-text files to your personal email. In a one paragraph free-write, scrutinize and evaluate the three sources using the preliminary research guide above (see image). Another resource available to help you evaluate your sources is the ARC “How to Evaluate Information” handout on the ARC library website. Next, indicate whether you plan on using them in your essay. In addition, create a work-cited page for the three (3) sources you selected. Reference the ARC “MLA Style Guide,” also available on the ARC library website, to help you properly cite your online sources. Submit your work in a MS Word document to the Canvas “Research Dropbox. Remember, in this course, we are using the MLA 2018 format.

Timelines:
This preliminary research assignment is due the following class session, following the ARC Library visit. Your Essay#3 due date is on your prompt and course syllabus.

Teaching Justification:
This assignment engages students with multiple steps of writing a research essay – researching, generating sources, and properly citing sources. Students will begin with a metacognitive assignment to rethink their research process. Then, students form an online collaborative environment by reviewing their peer’s research process. Finally, students will learn to properly search and cite sources using online sources, such as the ARC library, using MLA format. All these skills are invaluable in transfer level college writing.

Evaluation:
Canvas posts will be evaluated and graded online. Work submitted to the Canvas will also receive timely online feedback.