Research Topic: ________________

Library Research Assignment

You will be handed a research topic by your instructor. You are to take this topic and find one research item from each of the five following sources:

1. One electronic book
   a. You will need to look in Academic Search Complete e-Book collection to locate your book.
   b. If you cannot find an e-book for your topic, substitute it with another article from one of the academic databases listed in Nos. 2 or 3.

2. One article from Academic Search Complete

3. One article from GaleGroup’s Opposing Viewpoints database

4. One newspaper article select from:
   a. The New York Times archival index OR
   b. Use InfoTrac Custom Newspaper database OR Newspaper Source in EBSCO

5. One Internet Source that meets support-of-argument evaluation criteria [consult Assessing an Argument tutorial in PJC Library Web site].
   a. i.e. Public Agenda.org, the Cato Institute, NPR, or another government policy-making think tank
   b. use www.accessmylibrary.com for excellent Internet research articles.
   Be sure to apply evaluation criteria.

DIRECTIONS:
When you have found a source, print off the first page – and only the first page.
[In the Print option, select Pages and put 1-1].

1. You will turn in a total of 6 pages for your assignment, STAPLED!
2. The first page is your Works Cited page in MLA format (example on back).
3. The following five pages will be the first page of each of your articles. Print only the first page. Make sure each article is relevant to your research topic and be sure to alphabetize by author’s last name. You must have the following five items:
   a. E-Book (if you cite a hardcopy book, turn in a printout of the bibliographic reference page from the iPAC online catalog.)
   b. Article from Academic Search Complete database
   c. Article from GaleGroup’s Opposing Viewpoints database
   d. Newspaper article
   e. Internet source
4. Write a short paragraph (100-150 words) directly below the last entry on the Works Cited page describing the following:
   a. Has this exercise improved your information-seeking behavior?
b. Do you think you can use the skills learned in this assignment in future classes you take to complete your certificate or degree?

c. What was the most important thing you feel was taught in this assignment?

5. Evaluation consists of points awarded for each correct element of the bibliographic citation listed on the Works Cited page. See accompanying grading scale.

Example: Media Violence

Works Cited


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