

2 Sources & Synopsis

Due: Tuesday September 13th

Find at least two sources focused on your social problem. One of the sources must be from a peer reviewed journal. The other source could be another journal article or it could be a government website or a pre-approved non-governmental website. All of your sources **MUST** be highly focused on your social problem. Sources that are only slightly based on the social problem will have to be replaced by the student.

Your sources should focus directly on your social problem. They should also provide you a system-based analysis of the social problem. It's a good idea to have one of the sources be a broad overview of the social problem and the other be more focused on a single aspect of the social problem. For example, if you were looking at homelessness one article could provide you with lots of basic information (like how many people are homeless) and the other could look at a more specific issue within homelessness (like the impact of mental health public policy on homelessness).

Non-.gov Website Pre-Approval Process:

The Internet is full of sites that are biased, inaccurate, or flat out bologna (e.g. Martinlutherking.org). If you would like to use a website that is not a government website (i.e. it ends in .gov) you must send me an email with the sites URL. I will then look at it and authorize the sites credibility. **All requests for website pre-approval must be submitted by Tuesday September 6th.** This will give me time to review the site and leave you time to write up the synopsis.

Post:

Post a full ASA citations for all of your references on GeorgiaView (in the discussions area) to alert your teammates of the sources you intend to use. Posting your sources on GeorgiaView will give you "dibs" on that article and prevent any doubling up a source.

Read:

Read through all of your sources locate any piece of information that will help you explain the severity of your social problem, what social institutions influence it, and any potential solutions you find proposed in the research.

Write:

Write a one to one and a half page synopsis of each source. Provide me with all of the information you found related to how severe your social problem is, what social institutions influence your social problem, and any potential solutions the source provides. This should be straight and to the point. As you only have to write a single page, you should cut out all of the filler and formalities. Get right to it and tell me what you found. This should be written in a way that your teammates could easily locate what you want to add to the fact sheet. Lastly provide an ASA style reference section for all of your sources. Go to <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/583/1/> for ASA style guide.

Grading Rubric	Points
Relevancy of the source to your social problem	7
Description of the facts in the synopsis	8
ASA Reference section present	5
Total	20pts