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Organizing Citations Graphically

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Draft assignment

Much of your work this semester will be related to finding information about the country you have selected, particularly its environmental problems, what has caused them, and what might help solve them. As you gather information, you will need to keep track of the sources, slowly amassing a database of citations. You will be using these sources for your writing and other assignments.

How will you organize your citations? We will discuss in class how information is created, in what forms it is published or distributed, who are the potential audiences of different forms, and how sources such as scholarly articles may relate to each other. We will also brainstorm ways in which one might collect and organize these sources for later use in bibliographies or for other purposes.

On (date) we will meet with Mr. Jeremy Donald, an instructional technology liaison for the faculty. He will introduce you to Prezi, a web-based application that can be used to organize information or sources as well as to make presentations. Prezi may become your best friend in this class; you will be depending on it for writing and discussion assignments, and you will use it to present the sources you used in your final project to the class.

Your assignment for (same date) will be to bring to class at least six citations for materials you might use for your first paper. Working with Mr. Donald, you will set up a prezi, populate it with your citations, and create a set of categories to organize the citations. Annotate your prezi as much as you'd like, to make it more obvious to yourself and an observer what the value of the sources are and what the categories mean.

At the end of class on (same date), or before the next class, send me a link to your prezi. I will provide feedback on the sources you have included, proper citation style, and the overall organization. You will be adding to your prezi for the rest of the semester, so early feedback might give you a better impression of my expectations regarding the kinds of sources you are using as well as suggestions for a clearer organization.

You will be provided with a rubric for grading the prezi.