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Library Assignment

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This assignment addresses Information Literacy learning outcomes specific to first-year students: (1) *Understand* the nature of information and the varieties of information sources; (2) *Access* internal and external information efficiently and effectively; (3) *Use Ethically* respecting intellectual property and the economic, legal, and social contexts of information.

Library Assignment Part 1 – Searching for material
**Due date for book and article: <u>bring both to class on 1/21</u>

1. Choose a topic you are interested in related to the theme of the seminar: genocide and evil. Write it below. (*Understand*)

2. What are three possible search terms or phrases (subject/keyword)? (*Access*)

3. What defines a scholarly source? (*Understand*) Search for *scholarly* books and articles.

Book Search – using your three search terms or phrases (*Access*)
Library Homepage: <u>http://lib.trinity.edu/</u>
- Use the *Catalogue* on the library homepage. Use all three search terms or phrases.
- Scan the first 20 items for each term. Refine by tag. Scan more items.

1. Choose 1 book that you are <u>particularly</u> interested in and write a bibliographic citation in MLA format. See *Citing Sources* on the library homepage for instructions. (*Use Ethically*) Borrow the book and bring to class on 1/21.

2. Evaluate your three search terms and what was most effective. (*Understand*)

Article Search
- From the library homepage, click the link for *Databases*. Each database searches numerous journals, both scholarly and popular (you need scholarly ones).
- Select *Academic Search Complete*. This database is extremely comprehensive.
- Use your three search terms and scan the first 20 hits for each one.
- From the library homepage, click the link for *Lib Guides*. Pick a relevant department.
- Select a database from your *Lib Guide* (but not Academic Search Complete).
- Use your search terms and scan the first 20 hits.

1. Choose 1 article that you are <u>particularly</u> interested in and write bibliographic data here in MLA format. (*Use Ethically*)

2. Evaluate your searches with the two journal Databases and what was most effective. (*Understand*)

Library Assignment Part 2 – Annotated Bibliography

Read the guidelines for creating an "Analytic Annotated Bibliography" on the library website (click on *Citing Sources*; then click *Creating an Annotated Bibliography*; read the description about Constructing an Analytical Annotated Bibliography).

The purpose of an annotated bibliography is to assess your research sources before you begin to write a paper. You should reflect on the scope, purpose, conclusions, and disciplinary perspective of each book and article. On the library website, you will find a list of components to include in your Analytical Annotated Bibliography:

- a citation for the text (in a citation style such as MLA, APA, Chicago, etc.)
- a brief description or summary of the text
- a brief analysis of the text's primary thesis, argument, or focus
- a determination on the accuracy or timeliness of the text
- a review of the author's credentials
- a prediction or description of the text's intended audience

Use the book and article that you chose previously as the two sources in your annotated bibliography. For this assignment, it is not necessary that these two sources fit perfectly together for a research paper although they should both be on your initial topic.

Annotation (1 book and 1 article): Citation in MLA format followed by a one paragraph (maximum one page) analysis