Research Report: Summary and Response of One Source

Now that you have started researching your topic, it is time to evaluate the sources from which information is selected. Choose the most credible sources and avoid information from Wikis, blogs, and social networking sites. Keep in mind that anyone can put just about anything on the Internet regardless of its accuracy. It is best to use sources that give an author and his or her credentials or an organization. Be sure to review the text assigned for this unit on evaluating Web sources and managing information to avoid plagiarism. You will also need to keep track of your sources; it is especially important to have hard copies of Web sources.

In both the Research Report and the Argument Essay, you will be limited on the amount of quotations you can use; most of your information will be paraphrased and summarized.

Remember: When you summarize or paraphrase language in your own words, you still must give credit to the source of the ideas.

Assignment Instructions: Choose one source from your research and write a 1 to 2 page essay in which you introduce the title and author in a signal phrase, write a paragraph or more summarizing the information, and write a paragraph or more responding to what you’ve read.

In your essay, include a direct quote from the reading in quotation marks and include a citation using the author’s last name and page number, if available, (or title in quotation marks if no author is given) in parenthesis. At the end of your short essay, include the bibliographical information as it will appear on the Works Cited page.