

Assignment: Wikipedia Article Review

The first step of research is to identify a question you hope to answer in your essay.

1. Formulate a research question.
2. Next, write answers to the following questions.
 - What is your **research question**?
 - What is your **working thesis statement**, based off of your research question?
 - What **keywords** can you use for your search?
3. **Visit a Wikipedia article** related to one of your search terms. Write a paragraph (6+ sentences) about your findings. Is the Wikipedia article helpful? What other insights does it give you? Look at the sources and citations at the bottom of the page. What other leads can you find through these links?
4. Using your college's library website, view tutorials they provide about how to navigate and use the Research Databases available to you. Use the library databases to find **two** resources that apply to your research question. Write a paragraph about each result, describing what you found and how relevant it is to your search topic.

Use the C.R.A.A.P. method to evaluate the 3 resources. Refer back to Pages in this section for a list of questions and topics to consider with each C.R.A.A.P. component.

- Currency
- Relevance
- Authority
- Accuracy
- Purpose

Assignment: Analyzing Types of Sources

Find 5 varied sources on your topic from each of the following: an educational or government website, a mainstream media news website, an independent media website, a YouTube video, and a chapter from a book.

Read through each source and write a brief summary of each (**minimum 250-words**).

After the summary of each source, write a short evaluation of this source. Follow the guidelines for evaluating sources (CRAAP).

Assignment: Cross-Curriculum Source Analysis #1

Socio-political issues often have far-reaching effects, impacting a broad range of people and cultures.

Find sources from at least three different disciplines (science, economics, religion, foreign affairs, psychology, agriculture, etc.) that address your issue from that particular discipline's perspective.

Write a minimum of a 250-word summary for each source.

Assignment: Analysis of a TV show episode

For this assignment, we'll be discussing how an art medium (in this case, an episode of a television show) can illustrate social issues and even influence them. Specifically, we'll be looking at several episodes of the television series *The Twilight Zone* and discussing how science-fiction/fantasy are especially good genres for highlighting social issues.

TTZ episodes include "Eye of the Beholder," "#12 Looks Just Like You," "The Shelter," and "The Monsters are Due on Maple Street."

["Eye of the Beholder" and "Number 12" NOTES.pdf](#) 

["Monsters on Maple Street" and "The Shelter" NOTES.pdf](#) 

A secondary component of this assignment is the discussion of alternate media and sources, including Everyman-type reviews. As such, students will be required to complete an analysis of a work of art/media that illustrates their chosen social issue. This analysis will be submitted in the form of a reaction video.