

Personal Investigative Essay Research Worksheet

Please fill out, and bring to class with your other material.

1. What sources have you now located? Include specific books, articles, websites, movies, music, interviewees, etc. How or why do you think this source will be useful and “fit” into your essay? For instance, a source can reinforce, extend, or clarify your own thinking; it can present an opposing point of view you want to address; it can provide examples; it can give interesting background information that enriches your (and your readers’) understanding of the topic at hand. Will you quote, paraphrase or summarize from these sources? If you have some, include specific quotes or passages you plan to use.

2. How did you go about locating these sources? What avenues did you pursue? In your library and online searches, what databases and search terms did you use?

3. What problems have you run into as you searched for useful sources? What kinds of sources are you still looking for? What questions do you still have for which you’d like to find a relevant source?

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