

## Early Semester Personal Library Research Response

For this assignment, you are to locate and describe sources relating to your own experience. Use library resources to find and describe two sources. Find and describe two sources related to one of the following three questions:

- Think of a moment in your past when your life came into contact with a larger issue or question. Find sources that relate to this moment.
- Consider a potential harm, impact, or trend affecting members of the public that relates to your future profession. Find sources that relate to this issue.
- Think of a moment related to your identity, as you understand it, or as perceived by others.

Describe each of the two sources you found, providing at least one paragraph describing each source and at least one paragraph about each that reflects on how or whether this source could lead to a paper topic. Write a total of at least 250 words on each source. Please submit this response at your next class session or when requested by your instructor.

These sources should relate to your own life and interests, and do not need to be related the research paper you will work on later in the semester. On the other hand, it is possible that your research could lead you towards an interesting research paper topic.

In your short writing assignment, please describe each source, and comment on whether you think the sources you found could relate to a workable researched public paper topic. Remember that good research paper topics are usually debatable (people hold differing opinions about this topic) of public importance (this is a subject that matters to people's lives) and complex (comprised of multiple parts, rather than a simple assertion). Keep in mind that even if the sources you find aren't exactly on a topic that interests you, they might point the way toward a related interesting research question.



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