**Research Project Source Evaluations**

*One of your primary goals is to curate a conversation between disparate voices on a topic of your choosing.  While we hope along the way you discover an answer for yourself, at the very least we’d like for you to see how others have tackled your difficult question.*

In your final product I must see evidence that you have read, considered and synthesized at least 6 sources.  Between the **6 sources** you must have a variety of:

* opinions
* fields
* expertise
* time periods
* cultures
* source types

Other requirements:

* 2 of your 6 sources must come from **academic sources** (peer-reviewed journals, university publications, some university websites, government research institutions, etc.)
* 1 of your 6 sources must be a primary source

For each source you must prove you have read it, defend its reliability and articulate a response to its answer. To do that you will answer the following questions. In three paragraphs (for each source):

1. **Summarize the source’s answer to your central question. Do this in a way that touches on how the information is relevant to your question.**   
  
**2. Prove the validity/credibility/reliability of the source.  Address the source’s credentials on your given topic. Address how other trustworthy sources have responded to your source. Evaluate potential biases, gaps in the writer’s addressing of your topic, gaps in research or exploration.**

**3. Clearly articulate your analysis of the source and how it fits into the scope of your question. Explore specific quotes and connect those ideas beyond the text.**