**Project 2** **Primary and Secondary Research (30 points)**

**Note:**  You must include different sources in this assignment than you submitted with your project 1 primary and secondary research assignment.  Your new sources should demonstrate your research of the specific elements of a proposal argument (i.e., problem, alternative suggestions/solutions, best solution, justification/supporting evidence for the best solution, and possible concerns/challenges).

Begin by studying the tutorial at the link below on how to use ASU library databases for researching local issues and local resources: <http://libguides.asu.edu/c.php?g=263755&p=2846816>

Next, include your proposed topic – your argument about the best solution to a local or occupation-specific problem – at the top of this assignment, and create an annotated list of 5 sources you have collected to inform your argument. Some you will use in your essay; some you may not.

Remember, at least 3 of these sources should come from ASU library databases.

Additionally, one of these sources must come from field research. The details for this portion are explained below. After conducting your interview or survey, summarize the results of your field research in your annotation for this source.

Before completing your annotations, watch this tutorial on Evaluating Resources to determine if your sources are credible: <http://www.asu.edu/lib/tutorials/evaluate-resources/>

Now, for **each** of your sources, cite the source correctly according to APA style, and then write a paragraph length annotation that:

* Summarizes the main points of the source.
* Justifies the credibility of the source. (Is the source suitable to use in an academic research project? What makes the source reliable and scholarly?)
* Explains the relevance and applicability of the source for your project. (Why is the source important to use? How is it relevant to your argument? How will you use it in your project?)

Once you have completed the annotations, take another look at your topic and proposed argument. Do the sources you’ve found look at your problem and solution from another angle? Has another person/group tried to implement your “Best Solution,” or have you found sources that will add depth to your alternative solutions or counter-arguments?

**Field Research component**

To complete this requirement, you might choose to conduct an interview with someone in your local community or current/future career who has expertise in and experience with your subject; however, you may also choose to develop and conduct an informal survey about your topic or attend and take notes at a public meeting.

*Option: Interview or Survey*

* *Identify your purpose*

What information do you hope to gain from this interview or survey? Which of your claims about the cause-effect argument might be supported by the argument?

* *Choose an interview subject* *or subjects*  
    
  Who in your community or current/future career is familiar with your topic? Consider experts, educators, or knowledgeable professionals. If you are conducting a survey, consider approaching those affected by your topic, either online or in person.
* *Determine the interview format*If you have the time or opportunity to conduct the interview or survey in person, consider doing so. However, a phone, video, or email interview would be appropriate, as would a survey through social media. If you choose to approach someone you do not know about an interview, you will likely want to email them first to see if they are willing to participate.
* *Develop questions*   
    
  You will want to develop a few questions before conducting the interview or informal survey. Your questions should be oriented toward gaining information or perspective on your local or career-specific topic. You will want to avoid yes/no questions, unless you are conducting a survey.

Additionally, if you choose to conduct a survey, there are free services available to help you conduct online surveys through the web or social media.

After conducting your interview or survey, summarize the results of your field research in your annotation for this source.

*Option: Public Meeting*  
  
If your issue is being discussed at a public meeting (city council, city board like a development review board, or community meeting), another option is to attend this meeting and take notes on issues related to your subject. However, you should choose this option only if the timing of the meeting will make the information useful to your project. If the meeting will occur after this assignment is due, but before the final draft of the project is complete, list the meeting, location, date, and your reasons for choosing to take notes at this meeting in the annotation.