Research Blog or Notebook Assignment

Overview

A key thing that you must do in research is to actually write about the sources that you find. This is the first step toward creating a good PowerPoint and a fine paper. Thus, you will create notes, via a blog or a notebook, for each of your 10-15 sources that you will use.

Requirements

Each entry must have the following: a date, a full bibliographic entry, and a page worth of notes, with references to specific page numbers. There is an example of a blog (an electronic means of keeping notes) located at http://researchblogchris.blogspot.com/. Whatever form you use, you must keep it up to date and have it ready to be checked prior to giving your presentation and prior to turning in your final paper.

For each source, you need to do the following:

- Write down a full citation for the source. If you are using APA or MLA, you can use noodletools (http://www.noodletools.com) to create a citation.
- Write down at least 250 words (a single-spaced page) that does the following: summarizes the work, quotes from the work, and then reflects and analyzes it. For an example of this, see http://researchblogchris.blogspot.com.

Audience

The audience for this is you and me. You want to create a text that will, ultimately, help you write your work.

Evaluation

The page will be evaluated based on the following criteria: the quality of your sources, the quality of your writing about your sources, the quality of your citation, and the fact that you will have, by the end, 10-15 sources.

Due Dates

- First Due Date: Due on the date that you do your PowerPoint.
- Final Due Date: Due on 3-14-07

Percentage of Final Grade: 15%