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American Voices Research Project Annotated Bibliography Assignment

For your secondary research, you will choose **eight** credible and authoritative sources that ground your explorations of this trend with different types of information. Remember that you should look for a range of the following:

- Contemporary journalism - the current context of current events, personal examples, other facts
- Historical information - place this phenomena in the sweep of time - how does it relate to the past?
- Demographic statistics - how many people does this trend impact, and in what ways?
- Academic journals - how have scholars weighed in on this trend?
- Scientific and social scientific studies - look at experimental studies regarding this trend

1. Use credible research practices to find authoritative information from expert sources

Use Mackinvia and high-quality journalism to ensure your sources help you “stand on the shoulders of giants.”

2. Decide if you will annotate digitally or paper and pen.

For digital annotations, download a PDF from Academic Search Complete or use printfriendly.com to create a PDF. Use the comment and sticky note tools to create your notations, save your PDF, and upload your PDFs to the Google Drive folder that you shared with me.

3. Annotate your articles to identify evidence that might prove relevant to your grounding evidence

You might also annotate cross-references to other sources as you read - for instance, if Jon Meacham mentions a Pew Research Center study, you could go find that study to get more information. Also, consider looking at the works cited of your academic articles.

4. Create Annotated Bib entries with a detailed and informative discussion of the articles. Include the following:

- MLA-formatted citation
- Article’s claim, reasoning, main points and significance - be specific and use action verbs
- Article’s grounding and major evidence - include a couple specific details
- Article’s credibility and relevance - you may need to research the author and institution to discern his or her expertise on the topic. Is the author a giant in the field in some way?

5. For each article, choose two strong details that would be useful in your essay. Copy and paste a direct quote under the entry for this article and then fully paraphrase the quotation:

- Read the information you would like to paraphrase two or three times, and really think about what it means and how it applies to your essay. Internalize the idea to make it your own. Flip the article over so you cannot see it while you are writing.
- Change the sentence structure by changing the order of ideas
- Change all the wording -- make it your own but still make it sound good.
The general rule for plagiarism is no more than three consecutive words from the source can be the same.
- After you paraphrase, go back to the original source make sure it is completely different. Cite the source with either an in-sentence citation (Bob Smith argues...) or a parenthetical citation (Smith). All material from the source -- quoted, summarized or paraphrased MUST BE CITED.