Literature Review

Prepare a bibliography of books, journals and web sites with evaluative annotations. Prepare as a "required reading list " for the topics, in which case the annotation would include an explanation of why a particular resource was included.

1. Create an outline.
2. Prepare a literature review on a particular topic.
3. Compare the results of searching the same precise topic on one or more Internet search engines and a library subscription database(s).
4. Research a controversial topic using a variety of sources. Discuss how the different types of sources (e.g. newspapers, websites, news magazines, academic journals, academic discussion lists) treat the topic.
5. Compare a popular and a scholarly article on the same topic in terms of content, bias, style, audience.
6. Read an editorial and find facts to support or contradict.
7. Evaluate a relevant web site based on specific criteria, including accuracy, comprehensiveness, authority, bias, ease of use, visual style. Students may be asked to compare a number of web sites representing government, personal, commercial, and scholarly sites.
8. Submit a research log with the assignment for which the research was undertaken.
9. look for statistical trends and postulate the causes of those trends in writing
10. Submit a major research project at various stages (e.g. outline, bibliography, introduction).