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Annotated Bibliography: Personal Recycling

When we had to commit to a subject for these writing assignments I had a difficult time deciding on a particular subject. The day we had to present our subject to our group I noticed a plastic water bottle under my car. One might point to it and say “oh that’s just a piece of litter”, however on that day it was an idea. I thought about how wasteful it is to be drinking with plastic water bottles when the production of them is detrimental to our environment. A year before I had made the commitment to switch to a reusable water bottles and decided that I wanted to write about that experience for my first writing assignment. The problem though was how would I be able to branch that out into three different writing assignments? My idea branched out to involve personal recycling. My mission with these assignments was to educate and persuade my audience to start their own simple personal recycling program. I wanted to gear my writing towards my peers because I thought that by tackling this issue with the younger generation that they would have an easier time adapting to changes.

REPORT

"Recycle - Salt Lake County." Recycling in Salt Lake County. Salt Lake County, 31 Dec. 2013. Web. 27 Apr. 2014.

Summary. There was a lot of information on this website. Basically I explored almost every page of it taking notes on the way and then used the information to report on the program.

Reflection. My pamphlet outlined the most important ideas presented on the website and the ones most likely to pertain to everyone in the county. The data I collected from the site also helped me create the bar graph included in the pamphlet.

PROPOSAL

Stanton, Laura. "Paper or Plastic?" Washington Post. The Washington Post, 03 Oct. 2007. Web. 25 Apr. 2014.

Summary. This is a very attractive article that shows the differences between using and recycling paper and plastic.

Reflection. This helped give me data to use and ideas for further research for obtaining tips for helping the environment. It also established the fact that it is cheaper to recycle plastic than it is to recycle paper.

Www.reuseit.com. Re-Use-It, n.d. Web. 27 Apr. 2014.

Summary. This is a nonprofit company that sales items made out of recycled materials. It had a facts and myths section on their page that explained why you should recycle and use recycled materials.

Reflection. There were some great information on this page. I was able to use this as a source for my water bottle suggestion.

Global, WWF. "Save Water." WWF. World Wildlife Fund, n.d. Web. 27 Apr. 2014.

<http://wwf.panda.org/how_you_can_help/live_green/save_water/>.

Summary. This source discussed how to save and use less water whether you are at home, at school, or in the office.

Reflection. I used this source to suggest ways to reduce water wasting at home. They seem to be "obvious" tips, but if they go unnoticed the amount of water that can be wasted is amazing. It also talks about how to reuse water by collecting dish water and using it to water the plants.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Henchey, Kathy and Michelle Carvajal, "Reducing Your Impact: Tips for Treading Softly on Mother

Earth". American Camp Association, Camping Magazine, 2000 September/November. [http://](http://www.acacamps.org/campmag/009impact)

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Summary. It explored the impact we have on the backcountry and how to minimize it by giving specific examples.

Reflection. This was one of the most important sources we used for the PSA. It gave us the meat to our "forest friendly" tips on what to do to minimize your impact on the environment while camping.

"What is the Life Cycle of a Plastic Bottle?", wiseGEEK. <http://www.wisegeek.org/what-is-the-life-cycle-of-a-plastic-bottle.htm#didyouknowout>

Summary. The facts contained in this article were about plastic's lifespan and the effect it can have on humans and animals.

Reflection. We used this source to back up our claims made in the video's "Did you know" section where we state facts about plastics hurting wildlife.