1) For the purposes of this assignment, **select a topic** in modern American history of interest to you and state it here:

2) **Browse** the reference section using the Library of Congress classification system and locate a book in call number **E** or **F** that would be useful for you. **List** it here. You may select one from the handout.

     Title: _____

     Author/Editor: _____

     Publisher: _____

     Location: _____

     Date: _____

     Call Number: _____

     If pertinent, include

     Subsection (e.g. Article/Chapter) Title: _____

     Subsection (e.g. Article/Chapter) Author: _____

     Vol #: _____   Pages:_____

Look through the book. **Describe WHY this would be valuable** to you (e.g. focus? strengths?). How might it support your research? 3-4 sentences please.

3) Now **search BearCat** for _**reference**_ books on your topic.

     First, try some searches and list below three **subject headings** that are relevant to your topic:

     SH #1: _____

     SH#2: _____

     SH#3: _____

     Then, searching **BY SUBJECT HEADING** find a useful _**reference**_ source:

     Successful subject heading of search: _____

     Title: _____

     Author/Editor: _____

     Publisher: _____

     Location: _____

     Date: _____

     Call Number: _____

     If pertinent, include

     Subsection (e.g. Article/Chapter) Title: _____

     Subsection (e.g. Article/Chapter) Author: _____

     Vol #: _____   Pages:_____

Now **go** get the book and **look** through it.

Describe WHY this would be valuable to you (e.g. focus? strengths?). How would it support your research? 3-4 sentences please.

4) **Go** to: Library Home Page>History Subject Page> Reference Tab. **Explore the page**. **Select** a **reference** resource that would appear to be useful to you. **Cite** what you have found:

Investigate it. **Describe WHY this would be valuable** to you (e.g. focus? strengths?). How would it support your research? 3-4 sentences please.

5) **Go** to: Library Home Page>History Subject Page> Topics Tab> ("Guides for Subfields of History" box) United States > Reference Tab. **Explore the page**. **Select a reference resource** that would appear to be useful to you. **Cite** what you have found:

Investigate it. **Describe WHY this would be valuable** to you (e.g. focus? strengths?). How would it support your research? 3-4 sentences please.