Research Journal Assignment: Scholarly Article

Assignment Details
Due dates: All journals are due the Monday before class at 11:59pm (refer to class schedule and Blackboard for dates)
Submission: Word document turned in through Blackboard
Length: 1 page; double spaced; 1 inch margins
Points: 10 pts each (see rubrics for more detail)

Learning Outcomes
Students will be able to...
  ● utilize library resources in order to cultivate research skills necessary of a college freshman.
  ● evaluate sources based on the criteria of currency, relevance, authority, accuracy, and purpose in order to select sources appropriate for college level research.
  ● demonstrate writing skills in order to communicate effectively in an academic setting.

Journal Details:
In this research journal entry, you will provide a narrative about how you conducted your search to find at least one (1) scholarly article about your topic. You will also need to include an overview of your selected article and describe how it connects to your overall research topic. This journal entry will support you in locating additional sources to include in your final annotated bibliography.

To receive full points, you must answer the following questions and prompts:
  ● Provide the full bibliographic information about the article: Article title, author, journal, year of publication, page numbers. Place this information at the top of your document.
  ● Write a narrative about your search for this article.
    ○ Where did you locate this source?
      ■ You should utilize the Library’s Databases or Google Scholar for your search.
    ○ What keywords did you use to find it?
    ○ How did you determine this was a scholarly article?
    ○ Explain how you used specific criteria to determine the sources’ credibility.
      ■ Use the CRAAP Test criteria, which were addressed in class, to make your assessment.
  ● Write about the article you selected. What is the main point of the article? What information will it provide you in writing your paper? How has this source influenced your thinking about your overall topic?