

CM220 SAMPLE DISCUSSION POST:

UNIT 6

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DISCUSSION POST:

My idea for change in my community is to require that high schools in the San Antonio Independent School District provide tablets to students so they can more easily conduct research and complete class assignments. This was inspired by the new all-digital library that recently opened in San Antonio, probably the first of its kind in the U.S. If the city can open a library that is meant to boost literacy among inner-city residents, why not expand that access to all area high school students?

I wanted to learn more about this all-digital library, so I found a *USA Today* article. I believe this source is credible since it is an article published a national newspaper, and the author interviewed people associated with BiblioTech. Laura Cole, the BiblioTech project coordinator, notes that many of the neighborhood's families do not have Wi-fi Internet access (Weber, 2014). This is an important challenge issue I will need to address in my project; how helpful would tablets be if students do not have Wi-fi access at home?

I feel pretty comfortable with paraphrasing, but figuring out how and when to cite has always been more difficult for me. I did find this unit's resources on paraphrasing helpful for reminding me that I need to cite my sources even if I am paraphrasing their ideas in my own words.

Here is the original text from the article that I am paraphrasing in the previous paragraph "Back in the early 2000s, community leaders in BiblioTech's neighborhood of low-income apartments and thrift stores railed about not even having a nearby bookstore, said Laura Cole, BiblioTech's project coordinator. A decade later, Cole said, most families in the area still don't have Wi-Fi" (Weber, 2014).

References

Weber, P.J. (2014, January 4). Texas library offers glimpse of bookless future. *USA Today*. Retrieved from <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2014/01/04/san-antonio-bookless-public-library/4310655/>.

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Hi Steve,

How wonderful that your city opened this great resource. The article you found looks helpful, and I wonder if you might contact one of the persons mentioned in that article to interview?

I noticed that you did not include a page or paragraph number for the quotation from the Weber article; I think I remember from one of the WC resources on citation that any time you cite a direct quote, that you need that information: (Weber, 2014, para. 9).

Also, since you are citing a comment made by an interviewee, could you use the indirect citation style mentioned in the WC Citation Guide: (as cited in Weber, 2014)?

You did a great job paraphrasing the quote. I am still not very comfortable paraphrasing and want to quote everything I use from my sources, but I know that this unit's readings recommend paraphrasing so that my essay is in my voice. Do you have any tips to make paraphrasing easier?

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