Unit 6 Assignment: Informative Essay

For the Unit 6 Assignment, you will use your outline and annotated bibliography from the Unit 3 Assignment to develop a 4-5 page informative essay on social welfare. Your outline should have expanded on the following structure:

I. When social welfare began
II. Why social welfare began
III. The influential people and organizations who contributed to the creation of social welfare

The annotated bibliography was designed to assist you with collecting information to support the aforementioned main idea sentences with details. Your annotated bibliography also should contain an introduction to your essay. Consequently, you can use the introduction from your annotated bibliography to start this informative essay.

Following the introductory information, you should begin to build your essay by using the main idea sentences and details from your outline to build paragraphs as the structure of the essay. A solid paragraph should have a main idea sentence, two-three supporting sentences, and a closing sentence. For example:

I. Social welfare began...
II. Supporting sentence 1 (a sentence with details that connect to the main idea sentence)
III. Supporting sentence 2 (a sentence with details that connect to the main idea sentence)
IV. Supporting sentence 3 (a sentence with details that connect to the main idea sentence)
V. Closing sentence (Your opinion and/or summary of the paragraph).

Note that the information you use from the articles you collect needs to be paraphrased, i.e. put into your own words. It is considered plagiarism to directly quote someone else’s words without using quotations around the text even if there is an in-text parenthetical that accompanies the information. It is acceptable to use direct quotes from an article; however, over-quoting someone else’s work is frowned upon in the academic community. Please only use quotations if paraphrasing would drastically change the original information. One direct quote per essay is acceptable.

Essentially, everything you write other than your closing sentence should have an in-text parenthetical. An in-text parenthetical is written like this (Rhoades, 2012), and common practice is to have it immediately follow the factual statement.

Typically, using an in-text parenthetical (Rhoades, 2012) for your detail sentences is standard. Nevertheless you may have to use an in-text parenthetical for your opening sentence and closing sentence if you state a fact.
Lastly, reading through your paper and/or paragraphs backwards (last sentence first, etc.) forces you to focus on the flow of the paragraph and can help you with assessing if your detail sentences add to the scope and depth of the paragraph.

**Assignment Guidelines**

Your paper should:

- Include a title page, which includes your name, the name of the class and section, and the date.
- Use standard margins: 1" on all sides.
- Use standard 12-point font size Times New Roman or Arial.
- Use standard double-spacing: average of 22 lines per page, and between 20 and 24 lines per page.
- Be 4-5 pages long, not including the title page or reference page.
- Be left justified.
- Include a reference page.

Your final paper must be your original work; plagiarism will not be tolerated. Be sure to review the syllabus in terms of what constitutes plagiarism. Your assignment also should be written adhering to the guidelines of Standard American English. This means that your thoughts should be well-organized and original. Included in Standard American English is the use of correct grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure.