Brainstorm

Research Proposal

Topic: Extraterrestrials

Background: There have been countless sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and unusual occurrences throughout the world that seems to lead to the assumption that there is life “out there”. In 1947, a UFO crashed on the northeastern part of Roswell, New Mexico in which authorities concluded to be extraterrestrial.

Literature Found: - ‘Aliens in America’ (book) by Jodi Dean

* ‘Chariots of the Gods’(book) by Erich Von Daniken
* ‘Citizens Hearing on Disclosure’(video) produced by Thomas Clearwater
* ‘Video Analysis on an Anomalous Image from Apollo 16’ (journal article) by Hiroshi Nakamura
* ‘Ufology: What Have We Learned’ (journal article) by Michael D. Swords

Research Topic: Do extraterrestrials exist?

Primary Research Question: Is there a possibility that extraterrestrials exist based on a review of current global knowledge and perspectives in contrast to an island community?

Secondary Research Questions: What is the public’s perception, past and present on this matter? What evidence was gathered to affirm this assumption? How genuine is the evidence gathered?

Writing Schedule:

October 1-5: Formulate Primary and Secondary Research Questions

October 6-10: Find literature

October 11-15: Read current literature.

October 16-30: Create and record results of pilot survey and formal survey.

November 1-3: Schedule interviews with individuals.

November 5-10: Gather more data & revise essays.

November 25-29: Gather more sources for Illustrative Essay & finalize Letter to Expert (Stanton Friedman).

December 1-3: Create research paper draft.

December 5-9: Finalize research paper, post, and present findings.

Three Approaches: - Survey

* Expert Opinions
* Reported Data

Interest: This topic is of great interest because of the answer to extraterrestrial existence has been debated for many years.

Persuasive Argument: With all the information presented that is unbelievably true from past spoken, written, and thus illustrated, one can come to the conclusion.

Reading Notes

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Course: English Composition II - Section 2

Directions: Fill in the information below and keep with all your resources. This will help you when it is time to write your outline, paper, and annotated bibliography.

**Reading Note #1:**

1. Author’s Name: Hiroshi Nakamura
2. Author’s Credentials:
3. Publisher: Journal of Scientific Exploration
4. Heading of Section: Video Analysis of an Anomalous Image Filmed during Apollo 16
5. Year Written: 2003
6. Website URL: http://www.hyper.net/ufo/literature.html
7. Main Ideas: Extraterrestrial objects roam around space.
8. In this article, is it possible that any of the authors might have a bias about the subject matter? No, the article addresses the claims of skeptics.
9. Is the article timely or a bit outdated? No.
10. Was it a published reputable source? Yes.
11. If it is an academic article or study, were the results peer reviewed? How often has it been cited? Important information summarized and paraphrased.

Reading Note #2:

Directions: Fill in the information below and keep with all your resources. This will help you when it is time to write your outline, paper, and annotated bibliography.

1. Author’s Name: Michael J. Swords
2. Author’s Credentials: Professor of Environmental Studies, Western Michigan University
3. Publisher: Journal of Scientific Exploration
4. Heading of Section: Ufology: What Have We Learned?
5. Year Written: 2006
6. Website URL: http://www.hyper.net/ufo/literature.html
7. Main Ideas: Extraterrestrial activity records have started post WWII. Extraterrestrials are real.
8. In this article, is it possible that any of the authors might have a bias about the subject matter? No.
9. Is the article timely or a bit outdated? No.
10. Was it a published reputable source? Yes.
11. If it is an academic article or study, were the results peer reviewed? How often has it been cited? Important information summarized and paraphrased. Not indicated.