**Grading Criteria**

**Most of the grade for the Source Essay (90 points out of 100) will be based on the quality of the three sources and the quality of your summary and explanation of rhetorical context for each of your best three sources.**

**Source 1**

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* The source is “meaty” or substantial
* in length and perspectives (such as a feature article in a newspaper or magazine) or
* in breadth or depth of research (such as a government report)
* In depth of research (such as a newspaper expose)
* It meets the evaluative criteria discussed in class (published by a disinterested, relatively unbiased publisher, vetted in some way, recent)
* It is on same narrowed topic as other sources in annotated bibliography

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* The write-up of the source captures the thesis and purpose of the source. Remember to paraphrase accurately and ethically and not to over quote.  
  It correctly describes the rhetorical context of the source
* who is the author (and what qualifications does the author have)
* who published the source; what is the purpose of this publishing venue; what biases or slants might be connected to this purpose; and, most importantly, who is the audience of this publication venue (and thus the audience of the source)
* in what conversations is the source engaged
* what types of evidence does the source employs (research studies, first-hand accounts, etc.)
* what the stylistic and genre conventions does the source employ
* how does the author accommodates or appeal to his/her audience.
* There is a citation for the source in MLA format.

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* Includes a well-written overview, description of research process, and conclusion.
* Incudes a bibliography with 5 sources, each of which has a 1-3 sentence description.