Information Fluency Exercise
(Enter information below or attach a separate document.)

1. Discuss a topic of interest for a paper or project. What do you know about this topic already? How will gathering more information be helpful?

2. Submit your topic to your instructor and write it down for this exercise.

3. What research databases or search engines will you use? What terms (words) will you enter to find sources (books, articles, media) on the topic?

4. Conduct your search and provide a short list of useful sources you see in the results (all media formats are valid). Enter this information below or attach a separate list of references.

5. Get ready to organize your search results and notes electronically (MS Word, Power Point, etc.). What technology do you want to use?
6. With your search results, do one of: A) Read an article, B) Scan (peruse) a book, C) Watch a video. Note the authorship and publication information (title; publisher, date, and where you found it – web address or database name). If you read or viewed it online, also note the date that you found it.

Is the information presented for scholars/specialists or for a general audience? Does it include statistical data? How much statistical data (tables/graphs) are included, and what are the sources for this data? Does the author cite other sources by named authors or organizations?

7. Write a short summary (abstract) of what you learned from this source. How is this particular source useful to you? Include a full reference in proper APA or MLA format.

Name: __________________________________________

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Professor: ________________________________________

Date: ___________________________________________