Discussions with Prof. Josh Ashenmiller regarding History 171 LIS

Tuesday, August 29, 2017 12:01 PM

Hi Tim,

We have not met yet but Jill Kageyama told me that you are going to be leading the Library Research orientation for my History 171 (U.S. since 1877) class on Mon, 25-Sep, 11:45A.

I can't remember if I attached the syllabus to my original request. If I did, it was a placeholder. Attached is the real syllabus. The research paper assignment is on page 6.

Thanks!

Josh A.

Tue 8/29/2017 12:11 PM

Hi Prof. Ashenmiller,

Nice to "meet" you! This is my first semester here at Fullerton College, so it feels good to start coming into contact with some of the faculty.

Thank you for the syllabus. I'm sure it will come in handy when designing the library instruction session for your students. My compliments on the syllabus by the way—it was informative and entertaining!

Please feel free to reach out if you have any other instructions or documents that will help direct or enhance the upcoming session.

Thanks,

Tim

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Glad you liked it.

I don't have much else to give you. It's s short paper with only five required sources, so I'm just hoping to introduce the students to the basics of finding books and articles and citing sources correctly. Historians usually cite using Chicago style, but I don't require it from my students, who seem accustomed to MLA. I just want author, title, publisher, date for each source.

Thanks,

J

Fri 9/8/2017 9:27 AM

Hi Prof. Ashenmiller,

You mention in your syllabus that for their History 171 paper students "must have a works cited list of at least five sources, at least three published."

I just wanted to confirm that by "published" you are referring to all of the resources a student might find in the Library, including: books, eBooks, journal articles, magazine articles, and newspaper articles.

I didn't want to mistakenly direct your students to resources they weren't supposed to include in their papers during our upcoming Library Instruction Session.

Friday, September 08, 2017 10:01 AM

Yes, your interpretation is correct. Anything published by a publisher, whatever format.

The only things excluded would be unpublished websites, blogs, things like that. (I realize there is some grey area here. Slate, Salon, Huff Post, Politico are genuine publishers, even though they only exist in cyberspace.)

On the topic, I consider wikipedia to be unpublished, but I also do not forbid students from using it. I use it all the time to look up things. But it does have reliability issues and it is just an encyclopedia. It's not enough by itself to answer the research questions I have asked. Students can start there, but they should not end there.

Thanks!

Fri 9/8/2017 10:16 AM

Thank you Prof. Ashenmiller. This clarifies things perfectly. See you on the 25th!

--Tim