Information Literacy Search Sheet
History 162: American History: 1877 - Present

Name: 

Course Instructor: Dr. Carl Antonucci

Librarian Teaching Session: Martha Kruy

Course Day and Time: 

Date: 

Name of person you chose for the biography:

Margaret Sanger

Write down the book citation in Chicago style:

Step 1: Background Information on the Subject.

Use Reference Books or On-Line Reference Sources to find background information about the person you plan to read about.

Write down the complete title of the source you used, and attach a photocopy of the first page. Did you use a database, the Internet or a printed source? (circle all that apply)


Why did you choose the source(s)?

Was this source recommended by the librarian teaching the class? Be specific as to why you chose it. How will this source help you with the research for your paper? Don’t just say it is reliable or easy to use or easily accessible or it was what I needed.

I chose this database (America: History and Life) source because it seemed intuitive to choose a database named as it is. The name (America: History and Life) fit perfectly with my project since the woman I decided to write about is an historical American and the book is also biography. I typed in “Margaret Sanger Legacy” in the search box and from there different articles were shown to me I thought the title of the article “Mission Accomplished”, sounded like a positive article to my ears – so, I went with it. The article gave great Background information on my subject, mission accomplished, indeed.

I had not known anything about Sanger, except for what my quick search on the internet had shown me. This article allowed me to be introduced to Sanger’s life and the birth control movement.
Step 2: Background Information on the era or time period in which the person lived.

Use Reference Books or On-Line Reference Sources to find background information about the historical era of your subject.

Write down the complete title of the source you used, and attach a photocopy of the first page. Is this an electronic or print source? (circle one).


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I chose Eric Foner’s book because it is the textbook for my history class. I became familiar with the time period of Margaret Sanger’s life through his book. Funny thing is the book was chosen for me by my history professor; it turns out that it was a resource I could apply to the Critical Book Review assignment because during my history class we studied the time period that covers Margaret Sanger’s life, she was born in 1879, and died in 1966.
Step 3: Background on the Author.

Use the library's databases, the internet, or reference books to find information about the author. You may not be able to find information on your author. If you can't, document your process.

Author

Did you use a database, the Internet, printed, or other, source? (circle all that apply)

- If you found a website, give the name of the website and the website address. Attach to this sheet the first page of the website which gives the address.
- If you found a newspaper or journal article, give the name of the database you used and the name of the article. Attach the article to this sheet.
- If you found the information in a reference book, give the name and call number of the reference book. Attach the title page to this sheet

The name of the author is Jean H. Baker. She is a professor at Goucher College, in Maryland. The name of the website is www.goucher.edu, http://faculty.goucher.edu/jbaker/

I was only able to obtain background information on the author, that her place of employment gave, which was very basic. I employed my professor's help and the help of a reference librarian, to no avail. My professor suggested that I write to the author, I took his advice. I wrote an email to the author on November 26, 2014, and she replied on November 29, 2014. The author's reply (commenting on her background) is included in my assignment.
Mission Accomplished: 
Margaret Sanger and The National Committee on Federal Legislation for Birth Control, 1929-1937

By Vanessa Murphree and Karla K. Gower

Although Margaret Sanger is generally known as a radical who began her fight to legalize birth control in 1914, she adopted a more conservative and professional approach in April 1929 with the establishment of the National Committee on Federal Legislation for Birth Control (NCFL). This study examines how the NCFL used communication objectives, strategies, and tactics to implement a widespread public relations campaign in order to make birth control legal as well as socially acceptable. Specifically, it focuses on how the NCFL used both internal and external media to articulate its identity to its various publics, including its ideological argument for legislative change, connected members of Congress to their constituents, and used the media to "go public" during a time of political and economic distress.

When the Second Circuit Court of Appeals handed down its decision in U.S. v. One Package in December 1936, Margaret Sanger declared it a "momentous victory" marking "the close of one epoch and the dawn of another." The ruling dismissed a federal case against the medical director of Sanger's Birth Control Clinical Research Bureau in New York City for importing contraceptive materials from Japan. The director had been charged with violating section 305 of the Tariff Act, which prohibited the importation of contraceptive devices or information into the United States.

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