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25% First Search, 10% Midterm, 25% Second Search, 30% Quizzes (6 regular quizzes at 5% each), 10% Discussion Board Participation

SEARCH PROJECT GRADES: For the two search projects, 60% of your project grade is based on content: what you found, i.e. the material you collect for each of the seven steps, and 40% is based on content: what you write and/or present.

NOTE: The interviews and inclusion of noteworthy quotes from experts will represent a significant portion of your search grade. You cannot pass this course successfully without conducting expert interviews. Up to 30 percent of the research and synthesis grades for searches will be rewarded depending on credibility of sources, difficulty with obtaining interviews, and significance of quotes.

QUIZ AND MIDTERM GRADES: All of the quizzes and the midterm are timed. No sneak peeks. Once you open a test, you'd better be prepared to take it.

DISCUSSION BOARD GRADE: 10% of your grade is participation on the Discussion Board. Your grade will depend on the research, thought and critical thinking skills demonstrated on the discussion board. You are required to participate each week. Little or no credit will be given for two or three word answers or questions in which the answers could have been found by reading the lecture material.