LIBR 200
Information Communities

Information Sources Survey Template

Introduction:

(Based on your reading in the secondary literature, describe your information community and
the types of information sought and valued by its members. Utilize Durance & Fisher and other
definitions of community from our readings to craft your description. Utilize information related
to theory and theorists as needed to round out your description. You will use this as part of your
research paper.)

Sources:

(Fill in each section with a sentence or two describing the source.)

APA Citation:

Position within the information cycle: (Choose one and provide 1-2 sentences additional
explanation if needed)

- Hours / Day of the Event: Social media posts or breaking news
- Days/Weeks After Event: New stories, social media, blog posts, magazine articles,
  secondary new stories, forum posts, etc.
- Months after the Event: Academic Journal Articles
- Years after the Event: Academic Books & Reference Works

Scope and content: (subjects, time period, geographical coverage, etc.)

Credentials and authority of the author, editor, and/or publisher:

Purposes and uses:

Intended audience:

Design: (Choose one and provide 1-2 sentences additional explanation if needed)

- Online Database
- Reference work, Encyclopedia, Dictionary
Published Academic Book on a particular Topic

Web site or online community

Currency and frequency of update:  (Choose one, provide the year of publication, and provide 1-2 sentences additional explanation if needed)

Multiple editions


Web Site, Online Community, Forums, Social Networking Site

Biases and gaps:

Value for your information community:

Conclusion:

(Provide a final analysis and comparison of the content and uses of research-based and community-based information sources. Also reflect on what this assignment taught you about your information community and the types of resources available for its use.)