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Step 1: Preliminary Research

Due: End of class _____

Preliminary research is a way to develop a “**bird’s-eye**” view of a topic (s). Today you will be exploring topics related to laws and society. Preliminary research should help you to answer the **who, what, where, when, why** of the topic.

The idea here is to not get too bogged down with specific details, rather the point of preliminary research is to give you broad information about your topics in order to make direct more specific research. An important step in understanding the information discovered during preliminary research is to make connections between the new information and prior knowledge and or real life situations.

Directions: Your task today is to explore 4 different sources on the topic of laws and society. Use the charts to organize the preliminary information you gather.

Complete the following process for each chart:



Match the citation to the source, and then log the topic focus, source format, and source type of that source



Skim/Preview the information and record any key words or phrases that you find (this is also a good place to jot down notes while you watch/read the information since you can’t annotate the source)



Read/Watch the article, article section, or video and write a GIST summary of it

Reflect on what you learned from this source. Jot down a quick sentence or two that discuss what you learned, what you already knew, how this connects to other class activities, OR a question you still have about the topic.

NOTE Good research incorporates a variety of source types. Therefore you should have at least one of each source type listed.

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	Online Database				Book/Reference Book				
	Online Website				Magazine/Journal				
	Online Multimedia				Multimedia (Video/Chart/Image)				
	Print								
SKIM/PREVIEW									
READ/WATCH									
REFLECT									

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