

UNIV 198
Introduction to Interdisciplinary Research
Inside the Black Box: Politics in the Archives
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Assignment 1: Locating and Assessing Sources

Purpose: This assignment has three goals:

1. To familiarize the student with the Inspiration® concept mapping software;
2. To familiarize students with library databases and other information sources;
3. To cause students to think critically about information sources.

Learning Objectives: This assignment is aimed at addressing three of the overall course objectives (see syllabus):

1. Use relevant tools in various contexts to present and/or integrate ideas;
2. Access needed information effectively and efficiently;
3. Evaluate information and its sources critically

Assignment: Create a concept map (see example below—your map does not have to look exactly like this one, be creative) for an event or individual related to the Vietnam War or Civil Rights Movement.

1. **Locate and display** relevant resources from Broome Library collections. Document (via hyperlink) the location of the information source;
2. **Justify** your choice of each source. Explain how it relates to the central topic;
3. **Critically assess** your source. Explain why the source provides reliable information.
4. **Present your findings.** Using CI Keys present your document, hyper-linked sources, and “disambiguation” in essay form.