### WMST 2270 Research Log

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#### SEARCH TERM/KEYWORD BANK

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Can I Use This? - The 5W Criteria Checklist

**Who** wrote this source? ________________________________

Do they have formal credentials?  Y   N   Do they have informal credentials?  Y   N

**Who** published this source? ________________________________

**What** kind of source are you looking at? ________________________________

Examples: book · magazine · journal article · website · blog post · online magazine article · advertisement · government document · dataset

Is it a scholarly or peer reviewed source?  Y   N   Do you need it to be scholarly?  Y   N

Can you tell **where** the writer is getting their information?  Y   N

Are they using any citation methods (MLA, APA, etc.)?  Y   N

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Do you need up to date sources for your topic?  Y   N   Was it updated recently?  Y   N

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