

## Guidelines For Writing Internet Research Summaries:

NOTE: Writing a research summary is not the same as writing a topic paper, issue paper, or research paper. Summarizing a source is all about examining the sources we use in our research and determining which sources are the best ones; and why we, or others, might be encouraged to use those sources again. Research summaries also help students grow in their ability to determine what is, an what is not, a good source and to find the best sources for their research.

The Academic Portfolio Guidelines, in the Computer Tech section, give the following description for the Internet Research Summary requirement:

- § **Internet Research** – A “4” = Student is able to summarize, and intelligently discuss, the reading of **three** academically relevant and challenging internet sources. Each summary must be **250** words and be directly related to expedition assignments, currently active research projects, or to your research paper. Student must provide an “[active link](#)” to all articles that have been summarized. Each summary must include an explanation of why the website is a good resource. Each summary must also include at least one visual appropriately referenced within the text.

### To Help You Write A Good Summary, Consider the Following Questions :

- Ⓢ This source was posted on the web by what organization? When?
- Ⓢ What information can I provide about this organization?
- Ⓢ The article/pages that I used were written by who?
- Ⓢ What information can I provide about this author?
- Ⓢ How did I determined that this was a reliable source?
- Ⓢ What is the general topic of the article/web pages that I used?
- Ⓢ What specific information in the article/web pages did I use?
- Ⓢ I used this information to explain/show/prove what?
- Ⓢ The source contained the following table/chart/graph/picture?
- Ⓢ The table/chart/graph/picture helps explain what?
- Ⓢ I would recommend this source to students doing what kind of research?
- Ⓢ Why would I recommend this source to other students?