THE TEXT

Your assignment is to write and design **2 textbook pages** your research topic. Clearly, there are many facts you could find. You need to decide are most **important and relevant facts**. As you decide, make sure you can answer these questions:

- What is the story you are telling?
- Do your facts match your overall message?
- Do these facts contribute to the overall understanding of your research topic?

The **first one to two paragraphs** of your textbook should set the scene. In these paragraphs you will be answering the **Who, What, Where, When** part of the assignment. These are the basic facts, which are important, but completely meaningless unless you tell us why they are important.

- After these paragraphs, the reader should know what you are talking about and what you will tell them.

It is in the **main body paragraphs** that you will go into detail. This is where you expand on what you have already told us. This is where you use facts to **support your overall message**. Make these paragraphs **interesting**, and well focused. They should all have topic sentences and supporting details.

- These paragraphs should take the basic facts and make them meaningful by tying them into the overall theme or message of your research.

Of course, writing should be organized into **5-9 sentence paragraphs**, and include a **good conclusion** that sums it all up.

- What did you just tell them and why is it important?

FORMATTING, CITING AND PLANNING

In addition to the text, there are a few more items that your textbook needs. First, don't forget a title that lets the reader know what your textbook is about. Second, you will need **four images**. These images should **enhance the readers' engagement** and understanding of the information you are providing. Also, the style of the images should match the subject.

Don't forget to **keep good notes**. You will need to have a minimum of **5 sources** cited on an **APA-style bibliography page**. Also, you will need to fill out an "**Evaluating Internet Sources**" page for each internet-based source. Sorry, but **no Wikipedia** is allowed. Go there to get to new information, but do not cite it.

Finally, before starting your textbook, you will fill out a **pre-textbook planning page**. Note, this should also be done **before the Quiz is made**. This is designed to help you figure out why you are writing about what you are writing about. After you gather your facts, this should be the first thing you do.

RUBRIC

Introduction	+	√	-
- Is one to two paragraphs			
- Describes **who** you will write about			
- Describes **what** your subject is			
- Describes **when** your subject covers			
- Describes **why** this is an important subject			

Main Information	+	√	-
- Is 5+ paragraphs long			
- Paragraphs have topic sentences			
- Paragraphs have supporting details			
- Paragraphs are well coordinated and make sense together			

Images	+	√	-
- Has 4 images			
- Image styles appropriately match the topic			
- Images enhance/relate to text			

Conclusion	+	√	-
- Is 1 paragraph			
- Summarizes what was said			

Formatting	+	√	-
- Has a title at the top			
- The layout/formatting is clear			
- There are minimal grammar and spelling mistakes			

Bibliography	+	√	-
- There is a bibliography			
- The references are written in APA style			
- The bibliography has 5 or more sources			
- The bibliography does not cite Wikipedia			