One the major goals of LIB:101 is to hone your ability to evaluate the reliability and relevance of information sources. This ability is a crucial component of information literacy.

You will be writing annotations—critical evaluations—of the sources you locate and use for the research topic you will be working on throughout the semester. (Remember that your other assignment for this week is to come up with a research topic, which I will review by next week’s class.)

For this assignment, you’re going to write an evaluative annotation of ONE paragraph total for the article we analyzed in class: Sea levels set to rise for millennia. This assignment will give you practice in writing an annotation, and will provide me with the opportunity to give you feedback on your attempt. This feedback should also be of help to you with subsequent annotations you will be creating in this course.

The article we analyzed in class, as well as information about the magazine it came from, and the publisher of the magazine, have been posted along with these assignment instructions. You may need information about the magazine and publisher if you use Accuracy as one of the CAARP criteria you write about. (More information on what you will be writing about is given below.)

For purposes of this homework assignment only, let’s assume that your research topic is the impact of global warming on sea levels.

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6. Here’s what you need to do:

In an annotation of ONE paragraph total, consisting of around 6 or more spell checked and grammatically correct sentences:

Explain why the article (Sea level set to rise for millennia) is Relevant to the topic of how global warming will impact sea levels. To do so, give a few examples of subjects covered in the article, and show that they directly connect to the topic of global warming and sea level rise.

In this SAME paragraph, explain how the article meets TWO ADDITIONAL CAARP criteria of your choice (Currency, Authority, Accuracy, and/or Purpose). Again, provide specific evidence as to how the article meets those criteria. (Example: “This article exhibits Accuracy, because it includes results from a research study conducted by researchers from several universities.”)

WHAT ARE THE TWO ADDITIONAL CAARP CRITERIA YOU WILL BE WRITING ABOUT, IN ADDITION TO RELEVANCE? LIST THEM HERE: (1) __________________ AND (2) _________________________

Now compose your annotation. Again, in this ONE paragraph you will give evidence of the article’s relevancy to the topic, AND evidence that the article meets TWO additional CAARP criteria of your choice.

**** Consult the CAARP document distributed in class—and also posted in the Final Project area of our Blackboard course—as you do this assignment.

****For a sample annotation (of a different article), see the example annotation posted in this week’s Assignment folder.

****Use your own words when writing your paragraph. Not doing so is plagiarism. Begin your paragraph here: