Annotated Bibliography

"A Clean Version Of Hell." CBSNews. CBS Interactive, n.d. Web. 14 Dec. 2012.

This source is a video special segment that CBS’ 60 minutes did. It’s pretty self-explanatory in itself. 60 Minutes did a very good job presenting what ADX Florence is all about. They interview one of the former wardens, a current employee, and one of the former inmates. It was very interesting to hear each of their perspectives on the prison.

Adams, Jessica. "'The Wildest Show In The South.'" TDR: The Drama Review 45.2 (2001): 94.

 Academic Search Complete. Web. 8 Dec. 2012.

“The Wildest Show In The South” is definitely an in depth article not only on the Angola Rodeo, but the prison ways itself. Jessica Adams actually visited one of the rodeos performed at the Louisiana State Penitentiary and toured the facility. The rodeo is extremely appealing to crowd members with inviting foods, arts and crafts, and many different types of contests performed throughout the day by former inmates. It is also considered a sense of “escape” for most inmates. However, privacy for inmates can never be earned no matter how well their behavior is. On tours, citizens are allowed to peer into bathrooms and stand around the men’s beds and personal belongings. By the end of the tour Adams sensed a feeling of de-familiarized freedom and a long lasting experience she would never forget. After reading this article by Jessica Adams, I feel as if I gained every aspect possible on the Angola Rodeo. She did an excellent job on describing the atmosphere at specific times along with certain activities that took place. It definitely created a vivid image in my head as if I was watching the rodeo and touring the prison myself.

"ADX Florence." Wikipedia. Wikimedia Foundation, 13 Dec. 2012. Web. 14 Dec. 2012.

"ADX Florence - History - Encyclopedia II." Experiencefestival.com. Global Oneness, 22 Oct. 2010. Web. 14 Dec. 2012.

This source explains how the United States Penitentiary, Administrative Maximum Facility (ADX) Florence, came to be. It sums it up in a brief manner and explains only the important things. It starts at the reason why it was needed and continues to the actual construction of it and how it affected the surrounding community. It says that the information is adapted from Wikipedia and also taken from an encyclopedia. There is no official reference, but all the information presented is consistent with other sources I have researched is reliable. It is a good source for finding out why ADX Florence was built and what the construction of it consisted of.

“Angola Museum- Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum Foundation”. The Board Members

of the Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum Foundation. Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum Foundation, Inc., 21 Jun. 2001. Web. 8 Dec. 2012.

Although there were multiple contributions to this source, I felt it really helped to bring out the real life aspect of the Louisiana State Penitentiary. In 1835 inmates were being housed in a vermin infested jail in New Orleans. This maximum security prison went through an extravagant amount of changes and put up numerous fights for the sake of the inmates health and well-beings. Today, the Louisiana State Penitentiary is being run by the current Warden, Burl Cain, where they continue the pursuit of physical plant improvements, program enhancements and renovations on new cellblocks. As I stated before, there were no specific given authors for this article due to the large amount of interviews, personal statements, and number of people involved with the creations over time of Louisiana State Penitentiary Angola. However, I feel this made it more interesting because there were multiple views (which were all similar in some form) rather than just one opinion throughout. I feel I gained a large amount of knowledge on the prison from this single source.

Ellin, Abby. "Cons in Class." *New York Times*, (2003): 28-27.

Getting a degree while being incarcerated may seem unfair to the innocent people walking around the streets but as for the inmates inside of these correctional facilities it is a way for them to get out and stay out. Studies show that if the inmate has the education they need while they are incarcerated then it lowers the recidivism rates. There are different ways to obtain the same results though. In the year 1994 President Bill Clinton ended felons being eligible for Pell Grants. A Pell Grant is a grant that the government offers college students that does not need to be paid back. Once Clinton ended this it saved the United States approximately $35 million per year. Although there is a toss up, either spend the money on educated the prisoners which causes them to not offend again or spend more money having them incarcerated again. That would cause the prisons to be over crowed, which every prison in the United States has a problem with already.

Fimrite, Peter. “Inside Death Row / At San Quentin, 647 condemned killers wait to die in the most populous execution antechamber in the United States.” *San Francisco Chronicle* 20 Nov. 2005: 1-4. Web.

“Inside Death Row / At San Quentin, 647 condemned killers wait to die in the most populous execution antechamber in the United States” by Peter Fimrite will be used for the page “Death Row” on my site. I plan on using the pictures and information that the source presents. This source is about death row, the “big name” inmates that are about to be executed, and the history of the prison and the executions within it. This source seems a little biased towards the fact that executions are a good thing. I don’t think that this takes away from the information the source presents because the people that he mentions did murder a lot of people and seem like psychopaths. I think most people would be biased towards executions of these people. Even though the source may be biased, the information presented corresponds to the information that my other sources presented. This will be a useful source for my site.

Flaherty, Jordan. “Torture at Angola Prison”. Monthly Review Zine. Monthly Review

 Foundation. 27 Jan. 2009. Web. 8 Dec. 2012.

After reading “Torture at Angola Prison,” I am rather disturbed and shocked by the treatment that goes on. The behavior documented at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola stands out both for its brutality and for the significant evidence that it was condoned and encouraged from the very top of the chain of command. Twenty five inmates testified over a decade ago for and overwhelming amount of violence due to an attempted escape however, the twenty five receiving punishment had no part in the escape. These prisoners have been kicked, punched, beaten with batons and with fists, stepped on, left naked in a freezing cell, and threatened that they would be killed. It’s sad to say this abuse is still going on today and the prisoners have yet to win their testimony. The Angola prison has no official guidelines for what should happen during escape attempts or other crises and states they do not negotiate to any circumstance. Jordan Flaherty did a wonderful job at providing information as to what actually goes on inside these high maximum security prisons along with examples from the warden and inmates to back up facts stated. Jordan also goes through a detailed description of Solitary Confinement among the prison and amendments that are being broken. I felt this source was extremely helpful easy to understand.

Gilson, Dave. “Inside Man: An Interview with Wilbert Rideau”. Mother Jones and the Foundation of Natural Progress. Mother Jones. June. 2010. Web. 8 Dec. 2012.

Wilbert Rideau was sentenced to death in 1961 at the Louisiana State Penitentiary Angola Prison for killing a woman during a band robbery in Lake Charles, Louisiana. After being sentenced to life in prison he underwent a dramatic change becoming the editor of the prison magazine, “The Angolite.” Most of his work was based off of the abuse by guards and other inmates that took place in the prison and eventually his work was nominated for seven National Magazine Awards. In 2005, he was released with a few circumstances and continued to further his career in journalism. I found Dave Gilson’s source very interesting and helpful. After a brief introduction on Wilbert Rideau and his story, it furthers into an interview between Dave Gilson (former editor at Mother Jones) and Wilbert Rideau himself. The interview gives a great intuitive to Rideau’s experiences in the prison, his feelings towards certain situations/guards, and of course his writing.

Goodman, Amy. “A Conversation with Death Row Prisoner Stanley Tookie Williams from his San Quentin Cell.” *Democracy Now.* Democracy Now, n.d. Web. 5 Dec. 2012.

“A Conversation with Death Row Prisoner Stanley Tookie Williams from his San Quentin Cell” by Amy Goodman will be a very useful site. The main arguments presented by this source are the crimes committed by Williams, his early life, his efforts to stop gang related violence, and information about Save Tookie Day. I plan on using the information presented by the site for the page about Stanley “Tookie” Williams. The site provides a lot of background information on Williams and how he got into prison. The recorded interview really isn’t as useful to me as the typed out information, but the interview only adds to the value of the page. This source covers information that no other sources cover, so it will be very useful. I feel that the information is objective, but I also feel that the source is biased towards getting Williams death sentence revoked. This bias does not subtract from the value of the source because the information that is presented is still factual. This source will be very beneficial in the creation of my web site.

"Inmate: ADX Florence (Supermax)." Nndb.com. Soylent Communications, 20 Feb. 2012. Web. 14 Dec. 2012.

Johnson, Nels. “San Quentin, Marin’s oldest institution, boasts a colorful history.” *Marin Independent Journal* 23 Mar. 2011: 1-2. Web.

“San Quentin, Marin's oldest institution, boasts a colorful history” by Nels Johnson will be useful for information on the history of the prison. The information that the source presents is the history of the prison, escape attempts from the prison, and plans for expansion of the prison. I feel that the information is reliable because it was written in a newspaper, and also because the information is the same as Wikipedia and other online encyclopedia sources I found. This source will be useful for the history page, and possibly for a history of escape attempts from the prison. I don’t think that I will be able to use the information on escape attempts, but I may put some of the information on the history page. I also plan on using the picture of the gas chamber that is in the article.

Lombardi, Kate S. "A Volunteer at Sing Sing Makes a Difference for Visitors." *New York Times*. N.p., 28 Dec. 2008. Web. 6 Dec. 2012.

To gain access to a maximum security prison is a hard task to accomplish. When visitors come through the front gates wishing to visit their loved ones, often times they had far travels using many different forms of transportation. There are specific hours that visitors can only visit during and that is from 8:00 Am to 2:30 PM. Once the visitor arrives at the correctional facility immediately the computers are checked to verify if the inmate that they wish to visit is still at Sing Sing. Sometimes it happens that they are transferred without any warning to their loved ones. Identification is checked for both adults and children and all metal objects are removed along with cell phones. The final test is if the clothing of the individuals is too revealing. If the visitor is wearing clothing that does not meet the criteria of the guards they will not be granted access into the prison.

Morain, Dan. “Witness to the Execution: A Macabre, Surreal Event.” *Los Angeles Times* 22 Apr. 1992: 1-5. Web.

This source will be used to provide a description of gas chamber executions. Basically, the only information that the source covers is the description of a gas chamber execution. This source seems reliable because Morain witnessed the execution of Robert Alton Harris. The writing is also very descriptive which led me to put a warning for mature content page before the execution information can be accessed. I cannot attest the accuracy of the source because I couldn’t find other sources that covered the execution, but I assume it would be just because he was present during it. I plan on using a quote from the source to describe what an execution looks like. The quote will help the viewer’s visualize what it looks like and help the viewers connect to the executions.

"Notable Former Inmates of US Penitentiary, Florence ADX." Wikipedia. Wikimedia Foundation, 13 Dec. 2012. Web. 14 Dec. 2012.

I used "Inmate: ADX Florence (Supermax)", "ADX Florence", and “Notable Former Inmates of US Penitentiary, Florence ADX” to list some of the notable current inmates. It was very hard to find a list of inmates that are currently at ADX Florence. The first source I found is reliable and presents a profile for each prisoner and explains who they are and why they are at ADX Florence. It didn’t have very many inmates listed however. For the other two sources I had to use Wikipedia because I could not find any other reliable sources listing the inmates. Wikipedia may not be extremely reliable but it does the same thing the other website did.

"Sing Sing Correctional Facility." *Investigation Discovery*. N.p., 2012. Web. 09 Dec. 2012.

Sing Sing Correctional Facility is located in Ossining New York, which is about 30 miles away from New York City. Sing Sing is an all male facility that houses approximately 1,700 inmates with over 1,000 members on staff to help control the inmates. This prison is the 4th most notorious correctional facility in the United States. This prison was built in 1825 where there were many different techniques that the guards used to maintain control over the inmates. The bath shower and bucking were the two notorious forms of maintaining control over the inmates. This facility is not all bad though, while the inmates are incarcerated inside of Sing Sing they must complete their GED, and there are many other treatment programs that they can enroll in if they feel that they need too.

"Sing Sing Correctional Facility." *The Correctional Association of New York*. N.p., Apr. 2009. Web. 9 Dec. 2012.

There are many different forms of treatments and different cars that are available to the inmates that are incarcerated in Sing Sing Correctional Facility. There are always professionals on duty to help with dental care, physical care, and to help with the distribution of medications that the inmates may need. Also there are also different programs to help the inmates with mental illnesses.

"The World’s Most Secure Prison: ADX Florence." Sometimes-interesting.com. Sometimes Interesting, 12 July 2011. Web. 14 Dec. 2012.

This source is an “everything you need to know” website. It presented a lot of useful information. I used it to find out what life inside the prison is like. I found out just how secure ADX Florence really and what it might be like to be an inmate there. ADX Florence is where the United States keeps its most dangerous prisoners. It was one of the most official sites I could find. It was hard to find good sources of information on ADX Florence because the public has never been allowed inside. The information was consistent with other sources I found. It is a good website for finding out interesting facts about ADX Florence.