Developing a Topic and Annotated Biblography

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Introduction

**Part One: Summary of Research Strategy and Process**

Being in my mid-to-late forties, I am experiencing age bias in my choice of careers- sales, of course, I am not verbally told I am too old, but I often think my age has something to do with the fact I don’t get hired in a pharmaceutical sales position. Not only are sales jobs a predominately male profession, but it is age (as well as looks) conscious too.

My research influenced my topic in a way which made me second guess if I chose a good topic to write about because my topic regarding switching careers in late forties is very broad, its making it difficult pinpointing excellent sources. Narrowing my topic to changing careers mid-life facilitated in finding decent sources, however.

In at least **two pages, double-spaced**, describe an overview of your research strategy in narrative (paragraph) form. Be sure to address the following questions:

**Choosing your topic (20 points)**

* How did you select the topic, research question, and thesis statement you used to begin your search?
* How did your research influence your approach to your original topic? Did you need to narrow, broaden, or otherwise change it, and if so, how?
* What is your final thesis statement?

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