

**Professor Beth Cloues**

**Assignment**

**Internet Research - LIS 2004**

**Final Exam**

Theodore Roosevelt could be considered our first “conservation” president. Using the skills learned during the LIS 2004 course, locate two sources using the following databases: GreenFile, New York Times Historical, or Science in Context. After locating the sources, write a one page (double spaced) fact-based essay on the contribution of Theodore Roosevelt to the issue of conservation. You must use at least one in-text citation for your essay. You may use either APA or MLA citation style to cite your sources.

The Final Exam is worth 10 points. You will be graded on your grammar and spelling, identification of sources, critical thinking skills, and the proper use of the citation style you have chosen.

#### **Rationale for assignment**

In using this assignment as the Final Exam in LIS 2004, the skills learned during the course that would be applied include how to use the databases, proper searching skills (identifying keywords, forming search statements, using Boolean operators, phrase searching), and forming citations according to either APA or MLA citation style.

This assignment incorporates databases on sustainability topics and could be used in LIS courses or History courses as a “green” topic for research. The subject chosen for the final exam could be changed to any person on the handout Fourteen Great Environmental Speeches and Texts.

In addition, this assignment is an authentic assessment of the skills learned in LIS 2004. I intend to design a rubric and use the assignment in at least one of my classes next semester.