

SAMPLE DISCUSSION POST:

UNIT 6

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DISCUSSION POST:

Hi, Class,

This part of my research was quite frustrating because I find it hard to believe that there are arguments for going backwards by separating students with special needs rather than emphasis on how to better support these students and their classmates to ensure a positive academic experience for all. As I mentioned in my post last week, I am writing about the need to use literature about those with special needs to teach students how to be more compassionate and inclusive. Still, I understand that presenting both sides will strengthen my argument.

I think that I chose a credible source. *Education Week* has been publishing since 1981, and they cover different angles on an array of education-related issues. Still, just to make sure I followed the advice in this week's reading "What Is an Annotated Bibliography?" I also decided to check out the authors. I placed both names in a key search, and I found that they have other articles in *Education Week* and have published on other sites. The topics are all about education, but not all are focused on inclusion or special needs students, which helped me conclude that they do not have a biased agenda. Within the article, they cite research studies to support their ideas. I am actually feeling confident about this choice, which is not always the case for me.

Original Source

"I saw my other students quickly pick up or emulate the [disruptive] behaviors. Some of it was reaction, like, if they got hit, they were going to hit back because they can only take so much of name-calling or aggression, and that's when it quickly escalates into more aggressive behavior. It was like a fire and spark, and it kept going," she added.

Paraphrase and Rebuttal

Constantinescu and Samuels (2016) suggest blame for bullying behavior can be placed on special needs students by sharing the view of a general education teacher who expressed concern that inclusion of special needs students in the classroom negatively influences the behavior of other students by precipitating and increasing incidents of verbal and/or physical conflict between the students. Clearly, the described situation is unacceptable, but inclusion is not the problem; it is a lack of strategies and support to teach all students appropriate responses to conflict, which will help them to develop empathy and understanding of differences.

My question this week: My next step was going to be to find an example of one behavior strategy that is creating a positive culture in an inclusive classroom. Is that a good next step, or should I include another counter argument first?

References

Constantinescu, Carmen & Samuels, Christina A. (2016). Studies Flag Potential Downside to Inclusion. *Education Week*. Retrieved from www.edweek.org.

What is an Annotated Bibliography? (2018). CM220 Unit 6 reading.

Kacey

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RESPONSE POST:

Hi Kacey,

First, I think you should feel confident that your source is credible. Honestly, I have never gone that far when picking sources for other writing assignments. I am still looking for my source. I am thinking about your question, but remember, I am not an expert because I have trouble deciding how many sources are good enough when I write papers. I think this rival source is enough because it seems to really show the worst possible outcome for children in any classroom. I think following with something that works is good. You might also consider some information about inadequate training for teachers.

I did notice that your citations used one of the author's first names and traditional capitalization rules for the title. As the Unit 5 Learning Activities on citation mentioned, APA uses "sentence level capitalization" for titles, with only the first word of the title, subtitle, and any proper nouns capitalized. Only the author's full last name should be used; first and middle names should only have initials. Also, there was a full date for the article, so revise the citation for your source like this:

Constantinescu, C. & Samuels, C. A. (2016, September 6). Studies flag potential downside to inclusion. *Education Week*. www.edweek.org.

I found Academic Writer, which is available in our Purdue Global Library, as well as the Writing Center's "Common Citations in APA Format" really helpful for formatting citations, so check those out!

Sara