REFERENCE SOURCE ASSESSMENT

This will be worth 5% of your overall grade.

Due: Monday January 21, 9am (before Class 3)
Length: 500 to 750 words; 2 to 3 pages;

Please send your assessment as an email to the class distribution list by Monday January 21, 9am. Please include the text in the body of the message and as attachment in 1) the word processing program of your choice and 2) as a rich text file (rtf). The assessments will be compiled and redistributed to you by the end of term. Your assessment must include the points outlined below. Content should be clearly organized.

Bibliographic Description:
- U of T, local hospital location, or Toronto Reference Library call number and/or url
- Current price (if available)

Description:
- What is the scope of the resource?
- What’s covered in a typical section or entry?
- How would you assess the authority of the resource?
- How current is the title? How often is it updated?
- Is the information presented also as current?

Comparison:
- What’s provided in this resource that isn’t found in others?
- What’s missing in this resource that can be found in others?
- Is there an electronic equivalent? Does the content vary between formats?
- n.b. Provide a bibliographic citation and the appropriate U of T or a downtown hospital library location for any “comparators.”

Evaluation
- What are the strengths of this resource?
- What are the limitations of this resource?
- For what types of questions would this source be useful?
- What types of libraries should consider purchasing this source?