

### **Research Assignment**

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My Story Premise: Billy was excited to receive a secret package on his doorstep. He never ordered anything online or received gifts. He wasn't a very social person and had no intentions of changing that. But as he opened the front door to get his package his whole life turned upside down. Before long he was faced with seduction, fear, and a whole new way of thinking.

My SIX Research Categories:

- 1) Weather
- 2) College
- 3) Homosexuality
- 4) Wild Life
- 5) Religion
- 6) Avocados

#### **Category One: Weather**

Keywords: *Weather Pattern, Climate, Natural Disaster, Seasons*

1) Internet Source #1 – Boyd, L. (2018, January 17). *Flood danger remains high for Carpinteria*. Retrieved June 12, 19, from [http://www.coastalview.com/news/flood-danger-remains-high-for-carpinteria/article\\_a04a73aa-fb17-11e7-a2f3-7f7fd76c2676.html](http://www.coastalview.com/news/flood-danger-remains-high-for-carpinteria/article_a04a73aa-fb17-11e7-a2f3-7f7fd76c2676.html)

- This is a great resource for my story as I am talking about how my main character is a lifeguard and he has to deal with the dangers of weather and natural disasters. Flooding is a huge problem in this city as it is so close to the ocean.

2) Internet Source #2 – Group, W. M. (2010, February 5). *Carpinteria, CA Natural Disasters and Weather Extremes*. Retrieved June 11, 19, from <http://www.usa.com/carpinteria-ca-natural-disasters-extremes.htm>

- This is another source I used because it goes into exact details about the different types of natural disasters that happen in Carpinteria. It shows the rates and how the population was affected.

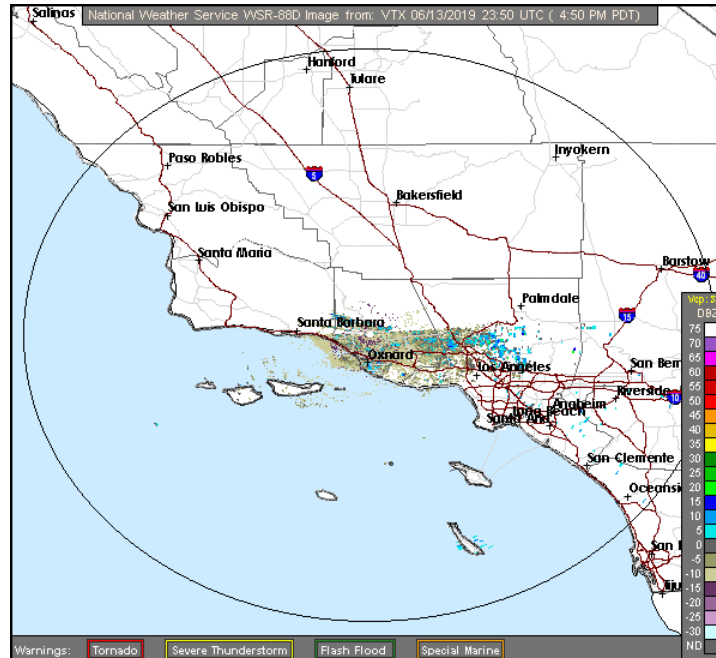
3) Baker, C. P. (2019). *Back roads California*. New York, NY: DK Publishing.

- This book actually helps me through my entire story and not just the weather because it talks about all different areas of California including each place I am writing about but also things to do and weather to expect for.

4) News, C. V. (19, May 22). *Carpinteria Magazine Summer 2019*. Retrieved June 12, 19, from <https://issuu.com/coastalview/docs/carpmag2019summer>

- This magazine is amazing and helpful for anything and everything that happens in Carpinteria. This issue is the summer edition which talks a lot about the weather this time of year.

#### 5) Image Source



WX, W. (19, June 13). *Carpinteria CA Radar Loops* [Radar Loop for natural disasters]. Retrieved June 13, 2019, from [https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&source=images&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwiK-dKk4efiAhWG4FQKHfgJAKkQjRx6BAgBEAU&url=https://www.findlocalweather.com/radar\\_loop/ca/carpinteria.html&psig=AOvVaw3adkmbMBO\\_ilaPNUyZZrIO&ust=1560560026294239](https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&source=images&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwiK-dKk4efiAhWG4FQKHfgJAKkQjRx6BAgBEAU&url=https://www.findlocalweather.com/radar_loop/ca/carpinteria.html&psig=AOvVaw3adkmbMBO_ilaPNUyZZrIO&ust=1560560026294239)

- This image is great as it shows the radar for the area my character lives in. This shows the radar and chances of natural disasters such as floods, tornados and so forth.

### **Category Two: College**

Keywords: *Life guard training, colleges, ocean schools, safety training.*

1) Internet Source #1 – Gutierrez, J. *Orange Coast College*. (2019, January 5). Retrieved June 13, 2019, from <http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/Pages/home.aspx>

- This source helps because it shows everything needed to know about the college such as address, and classes offered. Even admission is on here to get enrolled which would have been great for my character who didn't live close by.

2) Internet Source #2 – Hair, J. (2019, March 04). *Explore Orange Coast College*. Retrieved June 13, 2019, from <https://www.niche.com/colleges/orange-coast-college/>

- This source is a great feature for my character to see what this college ranks as far as being in the top 10. Even for a community college he would not want to go to a party school or one that would give him bad accreditations.

3) Portnoy, T. (2013). *College apps: Selecting, applying to, and paying for the right college for you*. Boston, MA: Course Technology, Cengage Learning.

- This book would be highly recommended for anyone needing to apply to college and figuring out which college is right for them. I chose this book because I think that my character would have been given a book like this in high school.

4) Group, E. T. (2018). *American Red Cross Lifeguard Exam: Lifesaver Certification*. Independently published.

- This is a good source to have when you are getting ready to take your certification test. My main character would use this to practice and study on before the big test.

5) Image Source –



College, C. C. (2013, February 13). *Orange Coast College* [Digital image]. Retrieved June 12, 19, from <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/collegeDetails.aspx?collegeID=833&txt=OrangeCoastCollege>

- This image is the logo for the college that my main character attended where he learned to be a lifeguard and was trained in CPR. This is the school where he got his degree.

### **Category Three: Homosexuality**

Keywords: *Gay, Coming out, Acceptance.*

1) Internet Source #1 – Khazan, O. (2016, April 27). *Why Men with Older Brothers Are More Likely to be Gay*. Retrieved June 13, 2019, from <https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2016/04/gay-brothers/480117/re>

- This article talks about how it is normal to be homosexual and that it can even be driven from the mother of males. I think my character would feel comfort in this.

2) Internet Source #2 – Fuller, J. (2017, December 13). *Frequently Asked Questions on Homosexuality*. Retrieved June 13, 2019, from <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/lifechallenges/understanding-homosexuality/homosexuality-faqs>

- This source was chosen because my character would have many questions about homosexuality especially after thinking he was straight for such a long time. This also has people he could contact to get support.

3) Scardino, F. (2016). *Idiots Guides: U.S. Government and Politics*, (2nd ed.). Alpha.

- This book explains about rights for homosexuals with the government. This book is an idiot guide to know what can be done. This book would be a great fit for my character when he comes out.

4) Neece, R. (2012). The Parent Crap: 10 Tips for Coming Out. *Practicing Positive CBT*, 278-278.

- This article is helpful to my main character because it talks about coming out to your parents. It talks about what to say and what to expect. A great article for those who don't know how to tell their parents.

5) Image Source –



Berniare, C. (2015, February 15). *On Choosing Homosexuality* [Digital image]. Retrieved June 13, 2019, from <http://bcheights.com/2015/02/15/choosing-homosexuality/>

- This image was chosen because it is what was used for choosing homosexuality. I feel that my character would relate to this and it would be a pride thing.

#### **Category Four: Wild Life**

Keywords: *Sea Animals, Sharks, Whales.*

1) Internet Source #1 – Service, U. F. (2008, March 12). VENTURA FWO: *Celebrating the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Restoration Project*. Retrieved June 12, 2019, from <https://www.fws.gov/fieldnotes/regmap.cfm?arskey=23580>

- This is a restoration project that takes place in Carpinteria. This help keep the wildlife safe and alive.

2) Internet Source #2 – Heller, L. (2017, August 24). *How to navigate Carpinteria's animal services*. Retrieved June 13, 2019, from [http://www.coastalview.com/news/how-to-navigate-carpinteria-s-animal-services/article\\_3cd841b8-8843-11e7-99cc-7f6f6ea88409.html](http://www.coastalview.com/news/how-to-navigate-carpinteria-s-animal-services/article_3cd841b8-8843-11e7-99cc-7f6f6ea88409.html)

- This is about all the homeless pets that are in Carpinteria. They fall through the cracks as there are more animals then people who live there. They have many services that help with this as well as having people adopt these stray animals

3) Zhexembayeva, N. (2014). *Overfished ocean strategy: Powering up innovation for a resource-deprived world*. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler.

- This book explains about business and finding new opportunity in old ideas. I picked this source because I feel like it would be a book my character checked out in college thinking it had something to do with the ocean.

4) Stevens, J. D. (1999). *Sharks*. New York, NY: Checkmark Books.

- This book is about sharks and everything that needed to know about them. It even talks about how to prevent shark attacks which I think a lifeguard should know.

5) Image Source –



Smigelski, S. (2018, February 12). *Carpinteria Salt Marsh Nature Park in Carpinteria* [Digital image]. Retrieved June 13, 2019, from <https://www.hikespeak.com/trails/carpinteria-salt-marsh-nature-park-hike-carpinteria/>

- This image is from the Salt Marsh that shows the different kinds of wildlife that is found on the beach. Knowing what kind of animals is important for any lifeguard to know because they will show up from time to time.

### **Category Five: Religion**

Keywords: *Beliefs, Acceptance, Gays in church, God.*

1) Internet Source #1 – Fuller, J. (2015, May 07). *Homosexuality, Theology and the Church*. Retrieved June 13, 2019, from <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/socialissues/sexuality/homosexuality-theology-and-the-church/homosexuality-theology-and-the-church>

- This is a support page for people who are homosexual. There is also a bunch of information on what the bible says about homosexuality.

2) Internet Source #2 – Merrick, B. (2019). *The Problem with Religion*. Retrieved June 13, 2019, from <https://realitycarpinteria.com/sermons/the-problem-with-religion/>

- This would be a great source for my main character because it teaches that the problem isn't with homosexuality but with religion. This is something he would need to have.

3) Hitchens, C. (2009). *God is not great: How religion poisons everything*. New York: Twelve.

- This book would be read by my main character as he struggles with religious views of homosexuality. He would struggle in life with this.

4) Hasbany, R. (1989). *Homosexuality and religion*. New York: The Haworth Press.

- This book would be in the book case at my main characters home. He will be wondering how to have a relationship with God while being gay.

5) Image Source



Martini, R. (2017). *Saint Joseph Church* [Digital image]. Retrieved June 13, 2019, from <https://stjosephchurch.org/>

This image is of the Catholic church in Carpinteria. This is the largest church in the city and where most of the population attend.



### **Category Six: Avocados**

Keywords: *Festivals, Ocean life, Beach Life, Popular Food.*

1) Internet Source #1 – Enterprises, E. F. (2019). *About the California Avocado Festival*. Retrieved June 13, 2019, from <https://avofest.com/entertainment>

- This is a great source for learning all about avocados and why they are so important in Carpinteria. Every year there is a huge festival and has been for over 30 years.

2) Internet Source #2 – Olivas, M. (2016, November 12). *California Avocado Festival*. Retrieved June 13, 2019, from [http://www.carpinteria.ca.us/areainfo/avocado\\_festival.shtml](http://www.carpinteria.ca.us/areainfo/avocado_festival.shtml)

- This source is from the city that talks about the festival and how it affects the community in a positive and negative way. In a positive way it brings money and crops and people to the city. However the crime rate goes up during this time.

3) Green, S. (2016). *Optimum nutrition*. London: Alpha.

- This book would be a good source for anyone who lives in Carpinteria because there are so many avocados there. This teaches about a healthy way of living which a lifeguard would need to eat healthy.

4) Stanton, B. (2019). *Prepared not scared: Your go-to guide for staying safe in an unsafe world*. New York: Galvanized Media, LLC.

- This is a great source for a lifeguard to know how to handle stressful situations like a large crowd of people on his beach during the avocado festival. He would need to know how to be prepared and not scared.



5) Image Source –



Enterprises, E. F. (2019). *Avocado Festival* [Digital image]. Retrieved June 13, 2019, from <https://avofest.com/>

- This image is from the festival that they have every year. Avocados are the biggest crop in Carpinteria alongside cannabis.