Check newspapers, Web sites, trade journals, and other sources of news or recent information for one or more topical mentions of electronic document management or record management in relation to one of, but not limited to, the following areas (This is not an exhaustive list.)

* Personal electronic medical records
* Records of national historical purpose such as email records from the White house
* Company email records used in a lawsuit
* Switching to medical records at hospitals
* How the government (Medicare, Medicaid) uses electronic medical records
* How pharmaceutical companies use electronic records
* Electronic filing of tax returns at the IRS
* Use of electronic signatures in real estate transactions
* Electronic distribution of school transcripts
* Electronic records management in doctors’ offices
* Electronic document management systems in the court system
* When and how health care providers will have to inform patients of a security breach
* Electronic record management in the financial industry

Select one issue (or challenge) of electronic records management we have covered in class in relation to the area you are interested in and write a no shorter than 1-page essay (single spacing, 12-point font size) that summarizes your findings (in your own words) and present your own position on the issue. Please locate and cite **at least five** sources to build your own position on the issue.

Note: Bibliography format: APA .

Your assignment will be graded according to the following rubric:

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| **Criteria** | **Outstanding (4)** | **Above Average (3)** | **Average**  **(2)** | **Below Average**  **(1)** | **Missing (0)** |
| Quality of information | Cited more than five diverse and relevant sources including newspapers and trade journals.  Information relates clearly to the main topic. | Cited two diverse and relevant sources including newspapers and trade journals | Cited only one source relevant to the assignment.  No supporting details and/or examples given | Little or no use of relevant sources |  |
| Critical Analysis and  Understanding of Subject matter (Readings, Slides and other materials | Display an excellent understanding of the required readings and underlying concepts including correct use of terminology. Integrate an outside resource, or relevant research, or specific real-life application (work experience, prior coursework, etc.) to support important points. Well-edited quotes are cited appropriately | Display an understanding of the required readings and underlying concepts including correct use of terminology and proper citation. | Repeat and summarize basic, correct information, but do not link your arguments to relevant research or specific real-life application and do not consider alternative perspectives or connections between ideas. Sources are not cited. | Show little or no evidence that readings were completed or understood. |  |
| Organization | Information is very organized with well-constructed paragraphs, use of subheadings, and citation of facts. | Information is organized with well-constructed paragraphs and citation of facts. | Information is organized and correct but paragraphs are not well- constructed. | The information appears to be disorganized and may contain inaccuracies. |  |
| Grammar and Spelling | error free | errors do not interfere with meaning | A few grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors | Many grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors |  |
| Timeliness | No Late Submission! | | | |  |