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### Reflection #7

The author of the article spent a large amount of time discussing the historical context of Port-au-Prince's water infrastructure, beginning with colonial plantations to the modern day. Although the choice to explore this history is important, I believe that much of the text does little to add to the main goal of the project. Payton's insistence on detailed explanations bogs down the paper and makes their thesis statement difficult to follow on a passive reading.

Archives are created and maintained by people who have control over the contents contained within them. This leads to a misrepresentation of history, as often much of what we understand about a place is only determined by a singular, dominant culture. This misrepresentation, as well as the financial gatekeeping seen throughout the research community, leads to inaccurate and potentially harmful data collection which can perpetuate harm if not properly understood.

As previously mentioned, archives can be difficult to access due to numerous factors, one of which is the physical travel required to access these articles. The monetary requirements needed to access these articles is often a common barrier to accessing the resources needed to conduct research.

For my personal project, I would like to access census data about the East Saint Louis area and the parks which are located within the region. My project requires human interaction, ethnographic data collection, and archival research data which requires the use of textual analysis.