

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Primary Sources:

The Library of Congress. Louis Braille: His Legacy and Influence, Online Exhibition. Last modified November 11, 2009. Accessed January 7, 2021. <https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/louis-braille/exhibition-items.html>.

This online exhibition will help me tremendously since it provides me several resources along with descriptions. One of them includes a photograph of a reading room for the blind that supplied the blind community with hundreds of braille books and music items. The exhibit also includes evidence of Helen Keller referring to Louis Braille as the “greatest benefactor of the sightless” who aided blind people to learn through their fingertips. This source will assist me in proving my thesis statement on how Braille positively affected the blind community.

Sanjuan, Willy. Stevie Wonder performs live at the “House Full of Toys 22nd Annual Benefit Concert” press conference. 27 Nov. 2018.

This is a photograph of Stevie Wonder performing. The purpose of me using this photo is to apply it on my website page of the famous blind people who depend on Braille.

Ochs, Michael. Photo of Ronnie Milsap. 1970. Michael Ochs Archives

Includes a primary source photograph of blind Grammy Award-winning musician Ronnie Milsap. I used this photograph for one of my pages that presents famous blind people who became successful with the help of Braille.

Murali. Louis Braille. <http://www.paintingandprints.com/painting-Louis-Braille-128.html>

This charcoal portrait of Louis Braille is a piece of art that I wanted to use to make my website look more presentable. I used this portrait on my thesis page of my topic.

Secondary Sources:

“History of Braille.” Braille Works, Make the world a more readable place. Accessed January 7, 2021. <https://brailleworks.com/braille-resources/history-of-braille/>.

To gain a full rundown on how Braille came to be, I discovered this website that appears to be trustworthy. It was convenient for me considering that I used some of the information given

in my historical context page of my website. The website addressed Captain Charles Barbier's system of night writing and how Louis Braille was inspired by it and modified it in his own way.

"Description and History of Braille." American Council of the Blind. Accessed January 7, 2021. <https://www.acb.org/history-of-braille>.

By reviewing the two websites above, I gained a basic understanding of what exactly Braille is and how Louis Braille came up with the idea. The websites also provided me a little background on Louis Braille's life as well. Overall, I intend to use this source to explain the Braille system to anyone who does not know and show how it connects to the NHD's theme of communication.

The Library of Congress. "Louis Braille is Born." America's Story from America's Library. Accessed January 7, 2021. http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/nation/jb_nation_braille_3.html.

This website provides additional information on Louis Braille's background, specifically how he became blind and spent his life teaching the blind community. Without the invention of Braille, Helen Keller, a renowned author wouldn't be able to read and write. This just proves how the Braille system gave hope for the blind community which can help me establish my thesis statement.

"How Braille was invented." *YouTube*, uploaded by TED-Ed, 7 Mar. 2017, www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyfxQ6sdaIE.

I used this video on my website to add more context to my topic. It was an educational video from a reliable youtube channel. The video addressed information about how Captain Charles Barbier created a message by poking dots that represented a code called "night writing". This twelve-dot cell method was never approved by the military but would set a base for Louis Braille to create his own six-dot cell system.

"How Blind People Write Braille." YouTube, uploaded by The Tommy Edison Experience, 29 May. 2012, <https://youtu.be/hj51UuxwjaE>

I applied this video to my website to show how Braille is written on the Perkins Brailler. It did a good job demonstrating how a blind man uses the Braille typewriter in an entertaining yet informative way. This video helped me understand how the different keys worked and I thought it would be ideal for me to add it on my website.

BrailleWorks. "Famous People with Visual Impairments." Accessed January 19, 2021. <https://brailleworks.com/braille-resources/famous-people-with-visual-impairments/>

This website was extremely helpful and gave insight on blind historical figures such as Helen Keller, Stevie Wonder, Ronnie Lee Milsap and the list goes on. It described each person and when they became visually impaired and how they are significant to history. Rather than discussing more about Louis Braille, I was able to include other important blind people whose success resulted from the Braille system.