[Before submitting your assignment, remove all instructions in brackets that are found on this template. However, do not remove the feedback from the assignment you will paste in below, see additional instructions in this regard on the next page. Edit the running head to reflect your name both here and on page two. After that, the running head will correctly populate all other pages. However, you must edit it on page one and two. Notice that the words “Running head” are to appear on page one, but not page 2 or subsequent pages. See example on page 41 of the APA manual. Fill in your name below.]

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 [Develop a brief introduction under this title. The final sentence of your introduction should begin with the following phrase: The purpose of this assignment is…]

**Why I Want to Study This Topic**

 [As you develop each section of this assignment, you should support your key claims using in-text citations. In all, you should utilize five sources throughout your paper. As the syllabus points out, you should use three sources you located in week four and two new sources that you found this week.]

**What I Already Know or Presume about This Topic**

 [This section of your paper will be essentially a personal reflection about your understanding of this topic. If possible, support your key learnings with in-text citations showing that other scholars have learned the same things.]

**Past Experiences that may Create Obstacles or Bias during My Examination of This Topic**

 [This is a very challenging part of this assignment. It is hard for us to identify our own biases. Here is a typical example that a student might write about in this section.

 Perhaps you are the parent of a child who has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. That is why you chose autism as your topic of interest. However, your experiences as a parent may not be representative of what educational professionals and other parents have experienced in dealing with autism. Therefore, to some extent, you may find it challenging to address this topic in an objective manner. Often we are drawn to a particular topic because of personal challenges associated with it. Those personal challenges may make it difficult for us to be objective.]

**Why This Topic Will Sustain My Interest throughout the Capstone Project**

 [Your program will lead to a major project where you pull together what you have learned about your topic of choice. In this section you should present reasons why you believe this topic will still be of interest to you when you reach the end of your program. However, this is only a preliminary exploration you are not locked into this topic and it might change when you reach your capstone project at the end of your master’s journey.]

References