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I wouldn't have been able to do this paper without the resources that Fondren makes available to students. First of all, a large number of my sources are from Fondren—I did a lot of secondary source reading in order to understand my topic, and Fondren has a wealth of journal articles and books that helped me understand The Obama Doctrine and narrow my focus in terms of what exactly I wanted to write about. Second of all, I wrote and edited my entire paper at Fondren. The initial draft was completed in the course of two days on sixth, and I edited it all on fourth. I wouldn't have been able to concentrate or focus with the intensity that I did anywhere else; campus is full of distractions, especially during finals period, and Fondren is a great place to get away from those distractions and really buckle down. Third of all, while I was in process of writing my paper, I would find out that I needed another source to support my research or I had to do some additional reading in order to elaborate on a topic present within my paper. For example, I sent a rough draft of my paper to my teacher and he told me that I needed to incorporate more primary sources. I found a lot of interviews and speeches on the Internet, but one of the most valuable primary sources was a book called *Duty* by former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, from whom I ended up quoting extensively. My teacher also told me to get a few different books for my paper (ones that he knew would be helpful for my topic based on previous knowledge), and almost every single one of them was available in Fondren. For example, four days before my paper was due he told me I should incorporate *Containing Arab Nationalism* by Salim Yaqub into a certain section of my paper. I looked on Fondren's website, and it had a copy, but it was checked out to someone else. I requested it, and by the next day I had it and was able to

incorporate it into my paper. The librarians were incredibly helpful in helping me find resources, and were also just really nice—I was leaving the library one night around midnight, but I had to check out around eight books about The Obama Doctrine. One of the librarians checked them out for me, and we ended up having an interesting conversation about the current state of politics. I'm very grateful that our campus has such a high-quality library; it was never clear to me quite how valuable it is until I wrote this paper and realized that it's an absolutely indispensable resource for History majors (and other majors, as well; I'm just a History major myself).