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Basset Hound Dog Breed - Facts and Personality Traits: Hill's Pet. (n.d.). Retrieved October 2, 2019, from <https://www.hillspet.com/dog-care/dog-breeds/basset-hound>.

This source offers a brief overview of the personality traits and general information of the basset hound breed in a website. The website offers a description of the physical characteristics of the breed, overall temperament of the breed, brief history of the breed, and explanation of what to expect when owning a basset hound. Simple and to the point- yet informative, this website is efficient in helping those thinking about adopting a basset hound, basset enthusiasts who would like to know more about the breed, and even those who are just curious about basset hounds. Basset hounds are not the right dog breed for everyone’s lifestyles, wants, and needs, and this website effectively lays out what to expect from this unique breed. I used this source in informing the audience about my second main topic containing the physical traits of this breed. I gathered from this source that basset hounds do not reach full size until they are about two years old and incorporated this fact into my speech to help the audience have a better understanding of the physical traits of the breed.

History of the Basset Hound. (2019, February 14). Retrieved October 4, 2019, from <https://basset-bhca.org/about-bassets/history-of-the-basset-hound/>.

The Basset Hound Club of America’s website is a helpful, reliable resource for all topics and information pertaining to basset hounds. Providing information about the breed and advocating for the happiness, health, and overall well-being of this breed are some of the website’s many goals. In fulfilling these goals, The Basset Hound Club of America offers a brief history of the basset hound breed on their website in the “History of the Basset Hound” section under the “About the Breed” tab. Under this tab, access to additional educational materials that go more into depth on the history of the breed are available also. In my speech, I incorporated some information I found in the “About the Breed” tab. The time, place, and reason why the basset hound dog breed was originally bred was specifically useful under my first main point in my speech -defining to the audience what exactly a basset hound is.

Launey, S. (2009, 09). Basset hounds. *AKC Gazette, 126*, 46. Retrieved from <http://proxy004.nclive.org/login?url=https://search.proquest.com/docview/195999348?accountid=13993>

This source is a magazine called the *AKC Gazette* which was published in September 2009 by The American Kennel Club. On page 46 of the Volume 126, Issue 9 addition of this magazine, the author (Sanda Launey) explains the background of the basset hound including information behind one of the very first records of the breed in the United States of America- George Washington’s diary. Old black and white pictures of a champion show dog basset hound in the 1970s were incorporated in this magazine which helps a part of the history of the breed written in the article come to life. All though the basset hound section of the magazine is quite short, it provides a new insight into the history of the basset hound and how the breed played a part in the history of our country and the life of the United States of America’s first president. In my first main point where I inform the audience of what exactly a basset hound is, I found the information in this source given incredibly useful as it is very interesting and can grab an audience’s attention. In my speech, I used this information to explain how George Washington’s best friend, Lafayette, gave him basset hounds as a present and how George Washington’s diary was one of the first written documents of the breed in the United States of America.

Planet, Animal. *Dogs 101- Basset Hound*. *Dogs 101- Basset Hound*, Animal Planet, 15 Oct. 2008, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHJ8JRHAFlE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHJ8JRHAFlE).

To switch it up a little and add variety, the next source I chose was a video. In this video by Animal Planet aired on their show *Dogs 101* in 2008, a montage of videos of basset hounds playing, hunting, sleeping, and exploring are shown while the narrator, experts in the dog field, and a basset hound enthusiast speak about the physical characteristics, temperament, needs, and history of the basset hound. Using a wide range of perspectives apart from the narrator including a veterinarian, a celebrity pet stylist, a dog trainer, a basset enthusiast, and a basset hunt leader provides a variety of insights from those who have experience working with basset hounds firsthand. Because of this, this source is a great presentation representing information about the breed overall. In my speech, I used a fact given in the video; this fact was that basset hounds have the second best nose out of any breed. I used this fact to describe a physical trait of the basset hound breed as part of my explanation of my second main topic which explains the many distinct physical features of basset hounds.

Welton, M. (n.d.). Basset Hounds: What's Good About 'Em, What's Bad About 'Em. Retrieved October 4, 2019, from <https://www.yourpurebredpuppy.com/reviews/bassethounds.html>.

Last but not least, the last source I chose was an article called Basset Hounds: What's Good About 'Em, What's Bad About 'Em. This article was published on 7/21/19 from the Your Purebred Puppy website and contains information about the lazy, stubborn, manipulative, temperament of the breed and a list of potential struggles one may encounter when owning a basset hound. Michele Welton, the author of this article and owner of the website, is an extremely credible source due to her extensive experience as an expert researcher on dog training and breeds, an author of many books relating to dog training and dog breeds, a dog trainer for over 40 years, a dog breed consultant, and the founder of three dog training centers. The authors realistic manner of describing the temperament of this breed from an experienced, expert eye was extremely informative in a different manner than most sources are as most sources just present facts to read. In my third main topic that informs the audience of the temperament of the basset hound breed, I used this source to explain that basset hounds are independent thinkers and do not care about pleasing their owners. This helps inform the audience of my speech that basset hounds are lazy, stubborn, and not easily trained.