BLACK LIVES MATTER: FINAL INDIVIDUAL PAPER

This paper is the one individual assignment for the course for which you will receive a letter grade. Ideally, it is an offshoot of the team project, an area of that topic or issue that you explore on your own in some depth. If you have another topic and set of questions in mind, that can also work for this paper. No matter what you select, you must check out the topic with me in advance, no later than Friday, April 29th.
The essay should be at least 7-8 pages in length; it is DUE by Wednesday, May 11th, by noon to my mailbox in DM 130.

Select a topic that interests you and that you can explore in some depth. Perhaps your project raised a question that you would like to discuss in more detail. Or perhaps your experience with that project raised a new angle on the topic that you would like to research some more and analyze in your paper.

The essay should have a thesis, a guiding argument or controlling idea that you will prove throughout the paper. What do you think once you have explored the topic? What do you want your readers to learn from your discussion? Make your ideas and opinion the focus—you are center-stage in the essay. Give the essay a purpose and leave your reader convinced that your argument is interesting and valid.

This paper is not an in-depth research assignment. Nevertheless, you need to incorporate some of the materials from the course, whether articles and links provided by the guest speakers, other materials in the files and folders on our BB page, or materials distributed in class. You may also have found other resources on your own to include in your discussion.

You need to cite all sources that you quote or paraphrase, and then include a Works Cited list at the end of the essay. Please use MLA format for consistency.

I am willing to help in whatever way I can as you develop your topic and draft the essay: brainstorming the topic, looking at an outline or draft, reviewing the thesis and main points, etc.
BLACK LIVES MATTER: TEAM PROJECT REPORT

This report on your team project offers a final summary of your activism project and its results. It should be at least 3-4 pages long (double-spaced) and is DUE by Wednesday, May 11th, by noon, to my mailbox in DM 130.

The report has the following components:

➤ The issue and questions that you addressed: what issue(s) did you explore, why are they significant in terms of #BLM, and what questions did you want to address and answer?

➤ The resources that you used for your project, including all sources as well as any people whom you consulted: what sources helped you plan and implement your project? Did you use some of the resources from the syllabus and BB page? Whom did you consult with, both on and off campus?

➤ The action plan itself: how did you devise the plan, what were its components and goals, and how did you perhaps need to revise it as it evolved?

➤ The implementation of that action plan: when and where did your action take place? If it was a single-time event, who attended? How did you get people to attend? If it was a longer-term project, what steps did you take and what ones remain for the future?

➤ Your assessment of the results and/or effects: what assessment tools did you use (survey, e.g.)? How would you describe the effects of your project? What worked and what did not work? Again, consider what comes next.

➤ The contributions of each member of your team