Research Project

The goal of this project is to identify an issue/problem that immigrants face in our local community and then propose a possible solution to that problem. For example, consider how students, faculty, and/or staff at Evergreen Community College (undocumented, members of mixed-status families, residents in immigrant neighborhood) are facing certain challenges as the result of immigration policies and public opinion. You may also consider how immigrant communities in the Bay Area or California are facing challenges that need solutions. Essay Prompt: What is the best way to solve one of the problems our local immigrant community is facing today?

This research project will consist of the following components: research proposal, annotated bibliography, and a research essay. All components must be completed on time or the project will receive an incomplete/failing grade.

Research Proposal (25 pts) Due Thursday, 4/12:

A one- to two-page, single-spaced explanation that demonstrates your understanding if a problem/challenge that members of our local immigrant community are facing today. Include an explanation of a solution that could begin to address the problem you’ve identified. Use preliminary research that you’ve gathered from at least five academic/credible sources in your proposal. Remember to include a works cited page.

Annotated Bibliography (25 pts) Due Tuesday, 4/24:

An annotated list of five to six sources (this includes the works you’re analyzing) that you plan to use for the research essay. Remember to use MLA format.

Research Essay (150 pts) Due Thursday, 5/17:

A well-organized and thesis-driven essay that answers the essay prompt. What is the best way to solve one of the problems our local immigrant community is facing today? Your essay should include:

- An introduction that helps your reader understand the problem you’ve identified and the local immigrant community that the problem affects.
- A clear thesis statement that addresses the essay prompt.
- Multiple body paragraphs that describe the solution and show how it could be implemented in the community. Acknowledge the benefits and drawbacks of the solution in order to appeal to a reader who may be skeptical of your solution’s effectiveness.
- A conclusion that explains the next steps we should take in order to develop the solution you’ve proposed. Consider the conclusion a call to action for the reader.

Remember:

- Length Requirement: 2,000 - 2,500 words
- Essays should follow MLA format. Examples and information on MLA can be found on the Purdue OWL website (https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/). We will also discuss MLA format in class.
- Rough drafts of your essays must be turned in on Canvas. A missing or incomplete rough draft will mean an automatic zero for the final draft.
- All final essays must be submitted through Canvas.

**Important Due Dates:**
- Thursday, 4/12 – Research Proposal Due (share on Canvas by 12:00 pm and bring a hard copy to class)
- Tuesday, 4/24 – Annotated Bibliography Due (share on Canvas by 12:00 pm and bring a hard copy to class)
- Tuesday, 5/8 - Rough Draft Due (share on Canvas by 12:00 pm and bring a hard copy to class)
- Thursday, 5/17 - Final Draft Due (share on Canvas by 11:59 pm)

**Does My Essay Meet the Following Basic Requirements?**
(Essays without these basic requirements will be returned ungraded and marked late.)

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