

UNIT TWO ASSIGNMENT: RESEARCH PAPER

Due Date: Monday, October 26th, 2020

Word Count: 2500 words.

Throughout this semester, you've become familiar with Discourse communities and are able to recognize the multiple ones that you have in your life. For this assignment, though, you are required to write a research paper about a DC that you **do not** know too well. For this paper, you are to take the questions you've developed through Unit Two involving the unfamiliar DC and use this mini research project to research your inquirers, discover answers to the questions you proposed, and report on your findings. Depending on the type of questions you've developed about the unfamiliar DC, your research paper will likely include information about the community's early start/history, language, style of dress, activities, etc.; make sure are attempting to answer your own questions thoroughly and intensely.

Ultimately, this assignment is designed to encourage you to learn about others in a respectful, fruitful way. There are several research methods that this paper should follow. You should be checking out information through Google, library databases, YouTube/social media, movies, television, art work, through observation and/or interviews, etc.; the possibilities for acquiring information are endless, but please remain courteous to the group you are researching, as well as objective and unbiased as possible.

You should have the following sections in your research paper:

- Introduction (explaining why you were interested in studying this DC).
- Methods (explaining the type of research you used and how you found info).
- Findings (see below for what it should include).
- Discussion (your totally bias opinion about the info you found and your thoughts about the DC).
- Conclusion (explaining what you will do with the info you discovered, plus a works cited page).

Your Findings section should do the following) do the following:

- Provide background information or a history of the DC—how did it start?
- Provide an extensive examination of their identity kits (style of dress, language, etc.)
- Describe the DC's internet presence—do they have any websites? Are they on social media? Do they have any blogs? If so, what content is shown?
- Describe the the DC's portrayal through film and TV (do a close analysis of a particular show or film).
- Discuss whether the DC has a goal or purpose they want to accomplish.

You will be graded on:

- Genre Awareness—is this written like a research paper?
- Word count—is the paper roughly 2500 words?
- Language—are you using acceptable grammar and proper spelling?
- Clarity—is the paper easy to follow? Are your ideas articulated clearly?
- Prompt Instructions—did you answer every suggestion the prompt brings up?
- Written Presentation—is the paper written in black ink, size twelve, and Times New Roman font? Does it follow basic MLA standards? Does your paper look aesthetically pleasing?