Course Project

A Closer Look at American Diversity

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the significant persons and events that impacted the development of American culture
2. Describe American domestic and foreign policies and their effect on international relations
3. Interpret historical documents that impacted political events and policies
4. Evaluate how interpretation plays a role in the development of historical record
5. Explain the relationship of current events to the past

CASE DESCRIPTION (OR BACKGROUND INFORMATION)

For this project, you will write a 10-15 page paper that demonstrates your ability to:

- ✓ Address all parts of the topic with a clear point of view
- ✓ Support a clear thesis statement with developed paragraphs
- ✓ Reference historical facts from colonization-1877 to support your arguments
- ✓ Analyze both historical and present-day perspectives of minority groups, as well as any mainstream perspectives that are applicable
- ✓ Incorporate scholarly resources to support your point of view, including at least three primary sources
- ✓ Illustrate correct academic research documentation per APA standards

PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS

Your paper must address the following prompt:

Focusing on American history from colonization to 1877, analyze the plight of minorities in early American society, focusing specifically on Native Americans, Africans, and women. Evaluate changing political and social movements and how the minorities were affected, both positively and negatively. Compare the difficulties and successes of minority groups in that time period with minority groups in present-day America.

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2. Save your document as a PDF file. In Microsoft Word, you can use the Save As option to select PDF as your file format.
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4. Upload the PDF file in your course.
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