**XIDS 2100 IGNITE Writing Assignment 3**

Cultural Movement: Position Paper

**Assignment:**

Write a 2-page essay that describes your chosen cultural movement (must be one of the movements we’ve discussed in class OR an alternative that I have pre-approved), and that includes your critical assessment of a ***particular*** article or instance of media coverage related to that movement.

**Length:** 2 full pages, not including your Works Cited page

**Final draft due:** Thursday, July 19, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. in CourseDen dropbox ONLY

**Purpose:**

In this assignment, you will develop a position argument directly in response to the argument of another source. Specifically, you will practice critical reading skills, presenting a clear and precise argument in your thesis statement, supporting your thesis with effective paragraphs, and incorporating sources (by quoting, summarizing, and paraphrasing) in MLA format (through in-text citations and works cited page).

**Process:**

1. Choose one of the current movements prevalent in our culture (ie. #TakeAKnee, #MeToo, #NeverAgain).
2. Choose ONE form/incident of media coverage of your chosen movement (ie. An article in TIME magazine, a CNN story, a local news report--television or newspaper--, or an online news source, etc.).
3. Write an introduction paragraph that identifies the movement you’re focusing on and describe its origins. You should include a brief summary of its history and its focus. Transition to the article/report/news source you’ve chosen to include in your paper. Identify the source and the primary argument/position forwarded by the source.
4. Place a thesis at the end of your introduction that clarifies your position in regard to the argument posited by the source. Remember, you can agree, disagree, or a combination of both. Your thesis must present your position and express WHY you’re taking that position.
5. Supporting Argument/Body: Next, you will “prove” and support your thesis throughout the body of your essay (2-3 body paragraphs). Each body paragraph should include a clear topic sentence and supporting examples from the source (as well as your own experience/knowledge when clearly relevant). Note: approximately 2/3 of your argument should directly respond to key ideas/examples from the source. No more than 1/3 of the essay should rely on personal experience.
6. Conclusion: Re-emphasize and expand upon your own argument. Reflect on why this topic is important beyond the scope of your own essay. Why should your reader care? What is at stake? In other words, leave your reader with a sense of the larger issues relevant to your topic.

**Grading:** See the rubric for writing assignment two and three, linked on my website.

**Submission:** You must turn in your final draft in the CourseDen dropbox ONLY on the essay due date: Thursday, July 19 by 11:59 p.m.