**Unit 2 Essay: Poverty in America**

Task: Now that your Think Tank presented its answer to your research question, you are going to further enter the conversation by refining your work in written form. For your Unit 2 essay, you will individually compose a 3-5 page essay (do not go over this) that directly responds to your group’s research question.

You can build on the argument your group already had. You may use research from other group members and even group analysis, but you must make everything your own. All writing in your paper must be original(remember that Google Classroom will check this for us). The best essays will work to improve or tighten all aspects of your team’s argument. While the presentations showcased some excellent work, one of the most widespread weaknesses was a lack of emphasis on solution implementation. Your essay should discuss how a solution can be implemented and acknowledge the solution’s potential limitations (complexity). Put another way, the best essays will spend more time on the solution, explain how it will work, where it will be difficult to implement, or how it will face limitations.

You should use at least 6 sources, 2 of which will be new sources that you use to help you strengthen the argument.

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| **Essay 1 Timeline** |
| **Date** | **In Class** | **Goal by the end of today for both in and out of class** |
| 10/27 | Start this after your EOC A. Identify weaknesses in group argument and find two sources to help fill that gap. | Have your two new sources by Monday |
| 10/28 | Work on your essay and conference to get feedback on your last essay. | Complete context and thesis (make sure the thesis is focused on the solution and not just the problem) |
| 10/29 | Work on your essay and conference to get feedback on your last essay. | Complete claims 1 and 2 |
| 10/30 | Work on your essay and conference to get feedback on your last essay. | Complete claim 3 and the conclusion/your call to action.Draft is due tonight via Google Classroom |
| 10/31 | Edit Draft | Final Draft is due by the end of class. |