**Individual Civil Rights Investigation**

**Unit: Civil Rights**

**Directions: You are to research, take notes/document, and then type a well-written, comprehensive paper on the experiences of discrimination of a specific group in American history.**

**Groups to Research:**

* African American
* Native Americans
* Hispanic/Latino Americans
* Asian Americans
* LGBT
* People with disabilities
* Religious minorities
* A group of your choosing

**You should begin your paper responding to the following**:

* Define the concept of civil rights
* Describe the standards that courts use when deciding whether a discriminatory law or regulation is unconstitutional
* Identify three core questions for recognizing a civil rights problem

**And then respond, as necessary and proper, to following prompts:**

* Identify key events in the history of this group’s struggle for civil rights
* Outline the history of discrimination against and discuss the discrimination faced by this group
* Describe the ways in which the group acquired greater rights in the twentieth century.
* Describe federal actions to improve opportunities for this group
* Analyze reasons and ways this group continues to experience unequal treatment

For this project, we will be using an outside text entitled “Chapter 5 Civil Rights” that is available on my webpage. This text and the class textbook (Chapter 11) are a very good starting pointyou’re your research. However, be careful not to copy or plagiarize from the text. Also, be sure to find other sources for additional information (also, not to be plagiarized) and cite the use of those sources.

**Your paper is expected to be a minimum of 2 pages, 12 size font, double spaced.**

**Grading Elements:**

1) Complete hand witten notes on handout containing research notes for paper.

2) Satisfactory and appropriate responses to all the elements and prompts being asked.

3) Minium 2 typed page response that communicates effectively ot experinces of the selected group.

4) Evidence of outside research.

**Individual Research Notes**

**Unit 2: Civil Rights**

**Part I: Understanding “Civil Rights”**

Define the concept of civil rights

Describe the standards that courts use when deciding whether a discriminatory law or regulation is unconstitutional

Identify three core questions for recognizing a civil rights problem

**Part II: For the specific group on which you chose to focus:**

Identify key events in the history of this group’s struggle for civil rights

Outline the history of discrimination against and discuss the discrimination faced by this group

Describe the ways in which the group acquired greater rights in the twentieth century.

Describe federal actions to improve opportunities for this group

Describe and analyze reasons and ways this group continues to experience unequal treatment