

Ethnic Studies 11

Essay Paper

Due Date Changed to April 21, 2009

Essay Paper – 20% - Fully Typed Double Space - Topic to be assigned in class. It must be at least 5 pages of text in length, fully typed/double space, organized and endnoted, and based on four or more sources. The paper's grade will be based on the following criteria: Content: description and analysis; Language Competency: grammar, spelling, syntax, etc.; Seriousness with which the student viewed project.

Topic:

In 2008, the United States citizens elected President Barack Obama. He is the first African American President.

Define the terms using your readings. Using your class materials (readings, films, lectures) chose one of the two following topics:

1. Did the election of President Barack Obama do away with the concepts of “glass ceilings” and “glass walls?” Please fully explain your reasoning. You need to support your argument with class materials.

OR

2. Does the election of President Barack Obama mean that racism is nearly ended? Please fully explain your reasoning. You need to support your argument with class materials.