Group Project 1/ Essay 1

Group Project:

Each group will be assigned one of the following questions:

- Is DNA evidence always reliable? Should it be enough to assure the guilt of an individual absolutely? Please include a general history of DNA evidence as used in criminal prosecution.

- Is basing a conviction of an individual on an eyewitness identification ever reliable? Please include a history of the use of eyewitness identification procedures.

- Should the death penalty remain legal? Please research the number of wrongful convictions, the cost of the death penalty, and its effectiveness as a deterrent when making your final decision.

Each group will complete the following tasks to determine the answer to the question:

- Conduct research on the assigned topic

- Create an annotated bibliography (in proper MLA format) of AT LEAST 7 sources pertaining to your topic. You will turn in ONE copy of this to me.

- Create a presentation that has
  - a brief history/overview of the topic
  - thesis statement which clearly presents your answer
  - supporting points for the thesis

Your group will present this to the class. Please be sure EVERYONE in your group participates. You will be graded on content AND preparation of presentation. Practice beforehand.

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Essay 1: Question Based Writing

Each individual student MAY choose to write about their group’s topic OR one of the other two questions. IF you choose to write about your group’s topic you DO NOT have to have the same answer to the question as your group does. Feel free to come to a different conclusion if you so choose.
Prewriting Assignment 1:

Please submit the following to the dropbox:

- Working thesis statement
- Minimum of 5 sources in MLA format
- Rough outline with in text citation

Review Assignment:

- Smarthinking feedback

Final Essay:
Should be 4-6 pages with 4-6 sources (NO 1st or 2nd person permitted in this essay)

- Be sure you have completed the prewriting and review assignments before submitting this. Your essay will be rejected otherwise. Also, be sure your Works Cited is the last page of the document.