Research Paper Guidelines

Due Date: Wednesday, March 7th 9:30am (at the beginning of class)

In our course, we will discuss multiple individuals and organizations that were integral to the Civil Rights & Black Power movements. For your research project, select one person or organization we have covered in class or not (in the latter case you will need prior approval from Prof. Sisay). Find out all you can about this person or organization by consulting biographies, autobiographies, historical journals, newspapers, and assigned readings. In your essay you must respond to the following questions:

1) Who/what is this person/organization?
2) What was their contribution to the movement?
3) What are the lasting effects/legacies of their work?

This essay should consist of a critical analysis of the impact made by your subject or organization upon the Civil Rights and/or Black Power movements specifically, and American society more broadly.

Your essay must include at least two primary sources and two scholarly secondary sources. It should be 6 pages in length (not including title page + bibliography), typewritten (12 font), and double-spaced with 1” margins. It must include a thesis statement (underlined), a title page, and a bibliography. You may use the citation format that you’re most comfortable with (APA, MLA, Chicago…), but be consistent throughout your work. Poor spelling, punctuation, and grammar will weigh against your grade. The total grade of the paper is 100 points, to be counted as 20% of your final grade.

**Academic Integrity:**
All students are responsible for their own work. Plagiarism (the use of intellectual material produced by another person without acknowledging the source) is not tolerated and will result in a zero grade. Please consult the student code of conduct for the consequences of cheating and academic dishonesty (i.e., re-cycling work).