Essay Project - Individuals and Movements template

Directions: Write an informative essay to describe three sets of ordinary individuals and how they started movements to create change within their communities. The first body paragraph should describe Lily Chin and how she created change in her community, and the second on Black Lives Matter founders, Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi. The third body paragraph should describe an individual of your choice who has responded to a problem in your community. (A community is a group of people sharing the same geographical area, race, religion, or concerns. A few examples of community are your school, neighborhood, or city.)

Your essay will be graded on how accurately it describes the efforts of Lily Chin; Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi; and an individual of your choice in building movements in response to injustices in their communities. Your essay will also be graded on how well your topic sentences and conclusions are written, the use of academic vocabulary, use of proper grammar, and how well your essay is organized (in other words, do your connections make sense and did you include all components (sentences) of the essay?)

This essay will count as an assessment and it will be worth 16 points. You may use the 2 excerpt handouts, academic vocabulary handouts, exit slips, and your notes to help form the essay. The following is a breakdown of your assignment.

Essay Overview Outline

I. Introduction Paragraph
   a. Sentence 1: Topic sentence
   b. Sentence 2: What is body paragraph 1 about? Include information on Lily Chin and her community movement.
   c. Sentence 3: What is body paragraph 2 about? Include information on Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi and their community movement.
   d. Sentence 4: What is body paragraph 3 about? Include information on your chosen individual and problem.
   e. Sentence 5: Thesis statement

II. Body Paragraph 1: Lily Chin and hate crimes in the Asian American community
   a. Sentence 1: Topic sentence: Lily Chin as an individual created changes in the community through movement building
   b. Sentence 2: What was the background/timeline?
   c. Sentence 3: What happened to her son?
   d. Sentence 4: What happened at the trial?
   e. Sentence 5: What did Lily Chin do to solve the problem?
   f. Sentence 6: How did Lily Chin’s efforts mobilize the Asian American community?
   g. Sentence 7: Conclusion sentence
III. Body Paragraph 2: Black Lives Matter
a. Sentence 1: Topic sentence: Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi as individuals created changes in the community through movement building
b. Sentence 2: What was happening to unarmed black men?
c. Sentence 3: How did these events involve the police?
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IV. Body Paragraph 3: Your chosen problem
a. Sentence 1: Topic sentence: Chosen problem, potential individual who created changes in the community through movement building
b. Sentence 2: Describe the problem.
c. Sentence 3: Describe the problem.
d. Sentence 4: How did the individual begin to solve the problem?
e. Sentence 5: How did the individual’s efforts mobilize the community?
f. Sentence 6: Conclusion sentence

V. Conclusion Paragraph
a. Sentence 1: Restate thesis using different words
b. Sentence 2: Importance of Lily Chin
c. Sentence 3: Importance of Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi
d. Sentence 4: Importance of chosen individual and problem
e. Sentence 5: Overall conclusion

We will work on the essay in class and for homework. It will be due on: ____________________________
The Writing Process: Suggested Thesis Statement

Lily Chin, Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, Opal Tometi, and ________________________________ show how individuals can organize their community for change.

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Sentence 4: What is body paragraph 3 about? Include information on your chosen individual and problem.

Sentence 5: Thesis statement (use what you wrote in “The Writing Process”)

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Sentence 5: Overall conclusion, why is this significant?