In your first essay, you examined the communities you were part of to construct a picture of who you are; next, you profiled a community member to examine his/her relationship to the community. **For this third essay, you will focus on a community of your choosing in order to present an argument or explore a question in the form of an argumentative or exploratory research paper.**

In order to complete this assignment, you will need to do research. Available resources include print materials such as books, magazines, and newspapers; credible web sites (we will cover what constitutes a credible web site); personal interviews; and more. **Use as much research as you find useful; however, be sure to include at least six sources, the minimum for this assignment. Two of these six sources need to be from academic databases.**

Your task: research your chosen community, form an argumentative thesis or exploratory question, organize your information, and present it in the form of a revised, polished, final draft. Your argument/exploration needs to be well-researched and presented in a rhetorically effective manner. When writing your paper, also consider the following.

* The scope of your topic. Be sure to choose something “researchable.”
* The originality of your focus. If you choose a popular community or otherwise “hot topic,” be sure to have something new to say about it.
* The analysis of your argument/exploration. Avoid shallow, stereotyped assumptions in favor of intelligent, informed insights.
* Your use of sources. Not only will you use research to form your argument/exploration, but you will integrate the research smoothly into the text of your essay. Furthermore, you must cite your sources.
* Your organization. There is not set form of organization for this assignment, but I do expect you to organize your points thoughtfully and logically.

12 point, Times New Roman font. Default margins. 6-8 typed, double-spaced pages. All sources need to be cited properly according to MLA format.