Essay #4 Neighborhood Ethnography Paper

Rough Draft Due Monday November 17th
Final Draft Due Wednesday November 19th
Format: MLA Format, Times New Roman, 12pt, double spaced
Length: 800 words, 3 ½ pages
Grade: 15 % of Final Grade

Topic: For our second Formal Writing Assignment, write an ethnography paper that analyzes the neighborhood where you live now.

Related Reading: *Fieldworking Reading and Writing Research 4th Edition*

Research Requirements:
Primary – direct observation of a particular place in your neighborhood (street corner, park bench, restaurant, laundromat, coffee shop, etc)
  - Interview one person (not a family member or friend) from your neighborhood
Secondary – at least secondary sources from the library databases or news source about your neighborhood

Questions to Consider:
Do you see it as a good place to live? Why or why not? Be sure that your essay addresses specifics such as: what is the physical layout of the neighborhood? Who lives there? Do you consider it urban or suburban? Is it upper, middle, or lower class? What are the demographics?

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Writing

Remember to provide a thesis statement in the introduction paragraph. Your thesis is the main point or opinion that you want to convey about your neighborhood.

You must also include a Works Cited page that corresponds with in-text citations throughout. Remember a Works Cited page is a list of sources that comes at the end of your paper.

On Monday November 17, we will work on improving the papers together in a peer review workshop.

Please don’t hesitate if you have any questions. You can always email me:
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