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## Homework #16

## Due Th 4/9 via e-mail to me; hard copy due in class

Write a Proposal for Essay 5.

Essay 5 is a research-based essay on a topic of your choice, 10-12 pages double-spaced (2500-3000 words, not counting page listing sources).

You may take any approach you like, but keep in mind that I will expect your essay to do more than present information; i.e., it should explore a topic—an idea—of some kind. It may or may not be persuasive. It may incorporate personal experience and/or interviews. But it must be thoroughly grounded in appropriate source material.

## For your proposal:

- 1) What topic are you interested in? (1-2 sentences.)
- 2) Why this topic? (1 paragraph.)
- 3) What do you hope to learn by researching this topic and writing this essay? (A few sentences.)