Research and Interview Assignment: Exploring Community Identity

Overview

This assignment is designed to help you explore the identity of your community through research and interviews. Through the research and interview process, you will gain insight into traditions, experience,s and values that contribute and continue to shape yoru community's identity.

Instructions:

Research: Investigate the historical, cultural, and social elements that have shaped your community's identity. You may consider factors such as:

- Key historical events or figures
- Cultural traditions and practices
- Languages, dialects, or expressions unique to the community
- Changes and evolutions in the community's identity over time

Note on Sources*: Sources can be a combination of print and digital sources, such as:*

- Local history archives or libraries
- Community centers or cultural organizations
- Online databases and reputable websites
- Interviews

If you choose to interview a community member, please use the following guidelines:

- Choose a community member (e.g., elder, teacher, local leader, or family member) to interview. Your goal is to gather personal insights and stories that illustrate the community's identity.
- **Suggested Interview Questions**:
  - What traditions or practices are most important to our community?
  - How have you seen the community change over the years?
  - What do you think defines our community's identity?
  - How do you see the younger generation contributing to or changing our community's identity?
- **Interview Format**: You can conduct the interview in person, via phone, or online. Be sure to record the interview or take detailed notes **(if you choose to record, be sure to ask permission first!).**

Use this space to record your research (feel free to use a notebook or lined paper for additional notes or more sources). **Minimum of 2 Sources.

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Research Notes (Bullet Points):

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Synthesis and Analysis

Analyze Findings: What did you learn from your research? What new information did you find? What previously held ideas were confirmed or changed? What are your overall conclusions on the identity of your community?

Develop a Thesis: Create a thesis statement that encapsulates your understanding of your community's identity based on your findings.