Proposal

Overview
For this paper, you must begin by selecting a sub-culture and fieldsite to research for the remainder of the semester. It is important that you pick a sub-culture that you will find interesting. However, it may not be a group that you are or were affiliated with or that is similar to a group that you are or were affiliated with.

Be sure to pick a sub-culture that meets in the Lafayette/West Lafayette community. Also, make sure that the group is easy to access, because you will need to meet with them many times throughout your research. You must get permission from the person in charge to make observations, take pictures, conduct interviews, etc.

This paper is a proposal of your sub-culture for my approval. Remember, if I do not approve of your sub-culture or if you change your mind later, you will need to write a new proposal and any other paper done afterward. For this reason, be sure you pick a sub-culture that interests you and check with me as well.

Goals for the Assignment
- To gain experience in writing a research proposal
- To analyze your preconceptions and biases about your sub-culture
- To practice writing in an academic style
- To choose and initiate contact with your sub-culture and fieldsite

Requirements
- 3-4 pages
- A thorough description of the fieldsite
- The reasons you want to study your sub-culture
- The preconceptions and biases you have in regard to your sub-culture
- The issues, problems, and concerns you have in doing your research
- The members of your sub-culture who you expect to be helpful to you
- A description of your first encounter with at your fieldsite
- You must turn in a permission slip with your fieldnotes, or I will not grade your proposal