EFP 11 Indigenous Issues in Canada- New Media Research Assignment

New Media Definition- **New media is any media – from newspaper articles and blogs to music and podcasts – that are delivered digitally. From a website or email to mobile phones and streaming apps, any internet-related form of communication can be considered new media.- Joe Cote**

Choose an Indigenous issue in Canada from the list below (if you have a different topic please ask me about it).

Topic choices:

* Lack of clean drinking water on Reserves in Canada
* Education funding for Indigenous students in Canada/lower education levels
* Poverty/low income levels
* Inadequate housing and crowded living conditions
* Missing and murdered indigenous women
* Criminal justice system-Higher rates of incarceration (prison)- problems with justice system
* Higher rates of suicide
* Inequities in level of health care.
* Self government
* Use of resources- aboriginal rights and title (ie. Pipelines, mining, oil sands, forestry, hydro, fishing rights)- free, prior and informed consent)
* Land claims and treaties/treaty rights
* Loss of indigenous language and culture
* Cultural appropriation
* Funding for social services
* Food insecurity
* Child welfare system- foster care system
* Truth and Reconciliation

Once you have chosen a topic you will need to choose a method for informing people about your topic using new media or a combination of various types of new media. They key is that it must be presented digitally in some way. This can include, but not limited to, any of the following:

* Podcast
* Blog
* Vlog
* Youtube video or similar
* Power point (or similar) presentation with new media links
* Website
* Social media posts
* Facebook page
* Online news article using new media links
* Online opinion piece using new media links
* Online discussion portal
* Graphic visual presentation (for online)
* Create a graphic comic strip about the issue
* Short documentary
* Photo essay
* Digital Poetry/music series

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Specific requirements for content and general assignment requirements

The assignment must include the following information and materials : (a specific rubric will come soon)

1. Introduce the topic and background information. (think 5 w’s and h- Who, what, where, why, when, how)

Ie. Who is involved? What is the issue? Where is it happening? Why is it happening? When is it happening? How is it happening? What is the history behind this issue?

1. Explain why it is an issue for Indigenous Peoples in Canada. (give specific reasons and examples) Think- why are people concerned about it?
2. Explain how it affects Indigenous Peoples in Canada. (give specific reasons and examples) Think- what are specific ways this issue is creating problems and negatively affecting Indigenous peoples in Canada?
3. Explain what is being done about this issue and who is doing it.
4. Explain what needs to be done about this issue and why. (give specific examples and explain how they could help)
5. You must have at least 3-5 sources of reliable information. All of your sources of information must be presented on a works cited list. (more information to come- for now just keep track of the websites and
6. All planning steps must be included. This would be brainstorming, outlining, organizing, rough copies, scripts of podcasts, or videos, storyboards of graphic comic strips or other visual presentations etc.
7. Information for your assignment must be presented digitally (as new media).
8. Your assignment must be able to be viewed/played/listened to for a gallery walk of topics.