***Controversial Musician Project***

Combination Essay and Poster Board project.

***Write a 500 word essay*** covering the points below. ***Follow proper informative essay structure*** – introduction, body, conclusion (“tell me what you’re gonna tell me, tell me, tell me what you’ve told me” / “I’m gonna tell you some important stuff, here’s the important stuff, this is why it’s important.”). Spelling, grammar, all that.

***Include a bibliography*** of all your sources using APA format (go onto the orch website for help with this – I have a link to a citation builder there. Its great. College-you will thank you.) You must display the bib both in your essay and on your board. No bibliography is an automatic zero. Any ***hint*** of copy/pasting from websites is an automatic zero.

Your poster board will be a pared-down version of your essay – figure out how to make the underlined information below short and sweet, and turn it into a visual project.

Pick a musician/musical group.

***Basic information*** on them – who are they, where are they from, what are they known for, some interesting facts. Be sure to include a few pictures on your board.

Then, tell me a controversy regarding them. Talk about

* ***Exactly*** what the controversy is – you should have a sentence that says “[this musician/group/whatever] is controversial because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
* ***When*** it happened.
* ***How did the public react?***
* What are it’s ***broader societal implications?*** (like how Cosby contributed to creating the #MeToo movement.) How did this famous person influence the way we live our lives, or the way we think or act?
* Give me your ***Hot Take*** – sum up your opinion of it. Do you agree with the public’s reaction, or do you think it’s over-blown? Do you think reaction should have been stronger? Tell me what YOU think, and why!!!!

Advice – write the essay first. From there, pick out the information you need for the board and reformat it to fit the medium.

Example Controversy – Cardi B drugged men and stole their stuff. Some people blamed the men for falling for her and didn’t care about her crimes, while others quickly called for her to be arrested even though official charges had yet to be filed. My Hot Take is that Cardi B is wrong, but as a whole, there was quicker public reaction to lambast her compared to others who have done similar crimes (particularly regarding #MeToo accusations), likely due to her public image of a floosy pop star.