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Rhetorical Rationale: Final Draft Issue Exploration

For my Final Draft Issue Exploration, I chose to format my writing in the form of a letter. My target audience was carefully chosen as our new President-Elect, Mr. Donald Trump. I chose him as my target audience, because I felt as if the Black Lives Matter Movement and its path in the future will be directly affected by our president's outlook. After reading through some news reports of his actions after his election, I thought this letter could at least give insight that I myself had learned involving misconceptions about the BLM movement and its impact on his future presidency.

The purpose of my letter was simply to explore different perspectives on the Black Lives Matter Movement, and give the future president some perspective, as well as narrative on the feelings behind the movement and its true purpose when taken out of the media and other outlets where he's inevitably soaked up some opinion. In my letter, I hoped to accomplish shedding some unbiased light on how many minorities in America are feeling apart from his own harsh comments in immigration, but more in relation to the fair treatment of our minority citizens.

I made several revisions from my first to final draft. I was much more casual in describing the different perspectives in my initial draft, but chose to hone in and specify ideas

and context of the writer's quotations and evidence. I sorted out the four strongest perspectives from my 9 initial sources, and made sure to choose varying and opposing ideas to give my Issue Exploration depth. This helped in my final draft (being a letter format) to inform Mr. Trump on all perspectives- those he may agree with, but also those he may not have considered previously.

This idea came to me during a live peer review session where another student commented on how my own opinion seemed to leak out between the cracks. This feedback was valuable in helping me remove myself from the conversation and use only evidence found in credible online sources. I found that creating a direct and organized explanation of several sources outlining the perspectives was the best version of my issue exploration, and would best fit in a letter to a person who will have immense power and influence in the future of our country.