WRT 205
Developing a focused explainer topic

As I've been reading through others' suggested additions to our canon, here are some issues that especially interest me:

Some of the issues that stood out to me include equal opportunities for minorities in education, disability and employment, and diversity in higher education.

Here are some ways in which these issues connect to other things we've read and/or to prior interests I have:

Both equal opportunities for minorities in education, and diversity in higher education relate to prior/current interests that I have because I want to become a special education/ inclusive elementary education teacher. It is important that I understand that all students must be given equal opportunities. Also, my unit 1 assignment was about diversity in education relating to disabilities. The issue of disability and employment interests me and relates to what we have learned in class because we read an article about the benefits of having people who have disabilities in the workplace. This topic interests me because people who have disabilities are often not hired even though they could be a real asset, and I wonder how, as a society, we can change that.

Looking at this list of connections, highlight key foundational concepts/ideas/ terminology—list those here.

- diversity (disability and or race)

- Equal

- Inclusivity

- Opportunity

- Minority students and education

- Students with disabilities and education

Review your list to the left—which of these issues do you think a person would need to understand in order to understand why this broader topic interests you? Circle them and prioritize—what's really important? What really intrigues you? Why?

I think that a person would need to understand the benefits that a student with disabilities may have when given equal access and opportunities to a good education. I also think that it is important for someone to understand what it truly means to be inclusive of others because sometimes people may think they know when they don't. Finally, I think that it is really important for people to understand that both minority students, and students who have disabilities are often not given the same opportunities to succeed as their peers.

Frame your project statement here: I think [X] is a really important topic in organizational culture, so I'm going to explain this foundational idea [Y] to you all. *[In other words, you're going to focus on some very specific component that is essential to our understanding of the larger whole; you're going to articulate both the small bit and the Big Picture here.]*

I think that equal education for students with disabilities is a really important topic in organizational culture, so I'm going to explain this foundational idea of an inclusive school environment to you all.