AP Comparative Government

Mrs. Stafstrom

*Goodbye Lenin* and Change Essay

Using the film, our discussion, Mrs. Barbe’s visit and the articles about the reunification of Germany and the fall of communism in other parts of Eastern Europe, write a paper in response to the following general prompt:

What do the film and the other information tell us about the nature of rapid and significant political, social and economic change within countries? To what extent can governments influence the direction and course effects of such change? What other factors contribute to the nature and pacing of the change? How influential are a society’s values and culture, such as an affinity for tradition and nostalgia, to its ability to weather significant change?

* You’ll need to create your own thesis
* use specifics and support your observations
* typed, minimum 1200 word, double-spaced, 10 or 12 font, include word count in heading
* in text citations
* Work cited page
* All MLA format
* 100 points – going into Project category (25%)

**Due Wednesday, 5/22/13**

See the class website for linked articles specifically selected for this assignment. Use Chapter 6, Germany, and Ch. 8, Communism, of the textbook for background as well as online sources.