Government

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Off to the Races – the 2016 Presidential Election Has Begun!

Presidential Character Paper

In an essay of 600 – 900 words:

* Identify and describe at least three (3) personality characteristics/ qualities that **you** believe are important for an effective president.
* Select a Democratic and a Republican potential 2016 presidential candidate that you believe best reflects the above qualities and explain how the two candidates display these characteristics.
* Do this in a well-constructed essay that uses evidence (so you’ll have to research your selected potential candidates). The focus of your paper is on character rather than position on issues, though obviously the two are intertwined.
* Include works cited at the end of the paper. typed, double-spaced, minimum 600 words (max 900). There is no need to include in text citations.
* Be prepared to discuss your assessments with the class
* 75 points in the project category (20% grade)

See the links below for a list of possible candidates. As of 4/7/15, only Senator Rand Paul (R – KY) and Ted Cruz (R – Texas) have formally announced. You will have a work day on Monday, 4/13.

<http://www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/2016-president/>

<http://www.politico.com/p/pages/2016-elections/>

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/us/politics/2016-presidential-candidates.html?_r=0>

<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/01/the-state-of-the-2016-presidential-race-a-cheat-sheet/384828/>

<http://www.realclearpolitics.com/epolls/latest_polls/president/>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/>

**Due Thursday, April 16th on TURNITIN**