African Humanities research projects

There are two projects due this semester. The assignment is identical for both. The subject is different.

This is a research and writing project. For one assignment you are to find an African film, research it, watch it and review it. Understand this should be a film produced or directed or written by Africans with a story that is about Africans. For the other you are to find a work of fiction by a contemporary (20th or 21st century) African author, research it, read it and review it. Your review should be more contextual than formalistic. I am less interested in whether your think the piece meets a standard of critical acceptance to be claimed as art. I am much more interested that you understand how the work expresses the human condition (humanity) in Africa. The final product is a five (5) page write-up with bibliography (Works Cited). You may do the projects in either order.

No two students will be working on the same film or writing.

Your research should include elements of biography/background—historical context. Also how has the work been received?

Format: For this assignment you should use the formatting style which is appropriate to your discipline (MLA, APA or Chicago) Remember that the HCC Success Center (BACA 207) is available to help you with formatting questions and to help with the technical aspects of the research paper. I will provide them with a copy of this assignment and you should bring these instructions with you to any appointment you make with the Success Center.

Be prepared to discuss your experience in class. You will not do a formal presentation but in an informal discussion we’ll talk about our experiences. In addition, I would like to compile our information into an annotated list by the end of the semester.

These are two good places to begin our search for topics….

IMDB list of 100 Best African Films

Africa's 100 best books of the 20th Century