Blackboard Discussion Board Assignment in HUM 260 (Latin American focus) for Written Communication

A story was circulated through the news media outlets recently about a Latino named José who was having no response to dozens of job resumes being sent out. He decided to change his resume a bit by removing the "s" from his name to become Joe. He reported that resubmitted resumes with the name change got immediate responses. Whether or not this is actually true or media hype, it invites discussion of what it means to be of Hispanic heritage living in the USA, what has euphemistically been referred to as "life on the hyphen" (referring to categories of Latinos such as Mexican-Americans, Cuban-Americans, etc.).

For this, our final discussion, let's reflect on what the presence of Latinos in the USA means for non-Latinos. Think about all the categories of popular culture we have studied this semester: the roots of national identity after colonialism and independence, literature in narrative and poetry, popular culture and folk art, art and architecture, music, theater, and cinema. What are the most visible influences in the USA of these? Why? How are they affecting (changing?) North American culture?

Complete these steps in order:

1. Post an original post of at least 75 words. Although you are asked your opinions, support your opinions with evidence you find in current events.
2. Cite all sources in MLA style and include links to all online sources. Posts without citations cannot earn points.

Then:

1. Respond to a classmate who does not already have a reply. In at least 50 words, provide some substantive comments and reaction. Do you agree with his/her assessment? Why or why not?
2. Remember your ‘Netiquette and the need to be respectful. Evaluate and analyze the impact, not whether it's good or bad in your opinion that it is happening.

Rules of the Road

1. Do not repeat sources or thoughts posted by your classmates. Start early so you have maximum choices of unused sources.
2. Do not use elementary/secondary school sources, or an encyclopedia/wikipedia.
3. Post your original post no later than 11:59pm, EST, Friday. Post your reply post no later than 11:59pm, EST, Sunday. Do not post both your original post and your response post on the same day.
4. Be respectful of both the culture and your classmates' opinions. Be aware of your own language to avoid "loaded" (offensive) words.

Please note the Grading Rubric that will be used: Rubric-Analysis ☑