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Topic

My essay will cover “Zwarte Piet” or “Black Pete”, a popular Christmas character in The Netherlands, and the controversy that has surrounded this figure. I will also cover the history of Zwarte Piet, and the different aspects of this controversy (primarily that Zwarte Piet are the “helpers” [really depicted more as servants] of Sinterklaas [Santa Claus] and that, as Zwarte Piet’s name implies, is portrayed by a bunch of white people in blackface.)

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