**AFR 319 Self, Identity and Justice**

**The Wretched of the Earth – Homework**

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**National liberation, national reawakening, restoration of the nation to the people or Commonwealth, whatever the name used, whatever the latest expression, decolonization is always a violent event.**

Question 1 – What does Fanon mean with this opening paragraph of an essay? What exactly does the exercise of violence help to demonstrate to the oppressed during a revolution? Can marginalized groups in today’s American societies think of using violence to get the attention of society’s leaders towards their problems? Why or why not?

**Decolonization, therefore, implies the urgent need to thor­ oughly challenge the colonial situation. Its definition can, if we want to describe it accurately, be summed up in the well-known words: "The last shall be first." Decolonization is verification of this.**

Question 2 – Explain what Fanon would describe as a successful revolution. What must happen in the colonized society? Would Fanon still regard an incomplete revolution as a success for a colonized population?

Question 3 – Which institution or force does Fanon say represents the ‘dividing line’ or point of separation between the colonized sector and the colonist’s sector? Can you think of a similar dividing line in New York City today between the financially-stable and the poor? Describe it.

Question 4 – Describe how Fanon describes the physical living environment of the colonized sector, and how does he contrast this with the living conditions of the colonist’s sector? Now think about the majority of your own family’s living circumstances in present times. Which part of the dividing line in today’s societies does your family live? About how many years would it take to educate your extended family before being able to attempt a revolution to emancipate your family, if you previously said your family lives in today’s “colonized sectors”?