Children’s Book – Slave Narrative

Your final assignment will be to write an autobiography of a slave; the form will be a children’s book. You will write this book as if you were a slave in America. Your story should show understanding of the lives of slaves.

This project is very involved, with many steps. Some you have already completed; some you will complete in class, and some you will need to complete at home. If you do not complete a step well in class, then you will need to complete it at home.

Checklist of Steps

_____ Step 1: Watch the Ships of Slaves and slave narratives videos and take notes on assignments 6 and 8 (12/1 to 12/5 in class).
_____ Step 2: Complete the children’s book pre-write homework, using the notes from step 1 (due 12/11, homework).
_____ Step 3: Create the main character in your story by using the character development worksheet—assignment 9 (12/8 in class).
_____ Step 4: Fill in the storyboard worksheet, outlining the major events of your character’s story—assignment 11 (12/10 and 12/11 in class).
_____ Step 5: Write the first draft of your story using all of the work above (12/11 to 12/15 in class)
_____ Step 6: Engage in peer editing (12/15 and 12/16 in class).
_____ Step 7: Create the pages of the book (12/16 and 12/17 in class).
_____ Step 8: Put all of the pieces together, to create your finished product (due on or after 1/9).

To have an acceptable grade, the final copy of your book must include:

• A narrative that shows understanding of the life of a slave
• Specific, accurate details about six of the major topics
• Visuals that help tell the story of your character
• Clear, logical organization
• Authentic first person voice, including dialogue and description
• Neat and attractive appearance
• Proper conventions in writing