My research question is how did slavery impact the economy and views on race in America. I chose this topic because I found it interesting and I find it to be a large part of American history.

One of the most important sources was the Ferris State University’s Jim Crow Museum gave a specific and accurate timeline that allowed me to have a better understanding of how things came together chronologically. The other important source was *Safe Harbor – The Economic Impact of Slavery* by James O. Horton. This gave a lot more context when it came to understanding slavery and how it was important to the cotton trade and why that was prosperous for America. I first started buy looking for more evidence on how slaves were effective in terms of the economy in Colonial America. I started asking more questions such as why and when was slavery introduced, how did it change over time, and where did slaves come from. I found most of the answers I was looking for and created a generally tight and comprehensive argument on how slavery was important to the economy. Then I started looking for more things on slavery and social classes at the time. I asked questions such as what role did slaves play and how were they viewed. I found most of what I was looking for and expressed it further in my final draft. As I continued working through my rough draft I started to notice, as you had kindly pointed out, that I was having some formatting issues that I proceeded to try and straighten out to make my final draft a tight and well put together essay.

Based on my research my thesis is: The introduction of slavery in the 1600’s was critical to the growth of the American economy over the next 200 years. Slaves were an important labor source to support growth yet over time came to categorize black slaves as property without rights. The relationship between white slave owners and black slaves ultimately created racial biases and shaped views on race that are still present in America today.