**Investigating Mass Graves**

Forensic anthropologists use the same skills to gather evidence and draw conclusions about the individuals they find in a mass grave no matter what type of mass grave they are investigating. You have watched a documentary on the excavation of a medieval graveyard and read a news article on the investigation of a modern mass grave. Write a reflection on the common techniques forensic anthropologists use to help gather information regarding the individuals in both instances. Using Diane France’s account as a reference, what do you think it feels like to investigate a mass grave?

**Grading Rubric**

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| Opinion/Evaluation  (Claim) | No opinion is made. | An opinion is written, but there is little clarity and it is not relevant to the case presented. | Opinion is relevant to the case but may not be clear | Opinion is clear and relevant to the case.  (You have a clear thesis statement) |
| Justification  (Evidence) | No support is provided for the opinion. | Less than 3 pieces of evidence are provided to support the opinion. | 3 pieces of support are provided for the opinion. | 4 pieces of support are provided for the opinion. |
| Reasoning | No reasoning is given. | A reasoning is given, but does not make sense given the claim or evidence. | Why the evidence supports the opinion is discussed, but the link between the two isn’t clear. | It is clearly explained why the evidence supports the opinion. |
| Clarity | The writing is irrelevant to the task. | There are many errors in the writing, and/or the ideas are not communicated clearly. | Writing has some errors, but clearly communicates the ideas presented. | Writing is free of grammatical errors and clearly communicates the idea. |

Total Available Points for the Assignment: 20