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The Problem

We are commemorating the injustice that minorities go through whether it is racism, prejudices, police brutality, etc. their lives matter. We specifically, for this project, focused on the police brutality against black people in Ferguson and the injustice of minorities in Palestine. Our group wanted to do this to raise awareness on this growing issue. The hoodie would be a symbol of this sort of protest; the hoodie represents the black lives and we chose the color white because it represents innocence and purity. The pattern that is on the white hoodie as well as in my drawing is keffiyeh, a traditional Palestinian scarf pattern that has revolutionary symbolism. It was Yasmeen's idea to combine the two, which was a great idea because it implies that any minority group should unite and come together to stand up for what's right. We pretty much were all in agreement when it came to commemorating something, we didn't have any other ideas just another variation of this idea. In the beginning, we were thinking of doing a sculpture (a bust) of the hoodie and that would be our monument and our physical deliverable for this project. As a group we agreed on commemorating something that would raise awareness and a significant global issue is the injustice that minorities are facing especially in Palestine. We also talked about the different ways in creating the hoodie, if we wanted to embroider it (which was the original plan) or use fabric paint/markers. Towards the completion of this project we talked about how this would actually be carried out; we wanted the posters to be hung around Manhattan's busiest places such as plazas and parks. We wanted to start out with just hanging 20, see the response then hang more eventually spreading out across the boroughs. We also discussed selling the hoodie and whether or not it should be limited supply or mass produced. We are the community of memory because this is an ongoing issue that isn't forgotten and will not be forgotten. Even if this issue tries to be suppressed people will rise up together to bring it back to everyone's attention; and if enough people rise in protest our voices will be heard.