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Dear students,

Welcome, students to my website on the hate group called the Ku Klux Klan. I am a professor at the University of Southern California, teaching about hate groups in the United States. I split my research into different genres to teach you this info. These genres include, a top 10 list of KKK crimes, an advertisement for an anti-KKK march, a essay on lynching, a film review, and a map's of KKK activity and membership. I have studied these topics for a very long time and I encourage you to read and learn from my work.

I have been studying this topic for a long time but over the last two months but I have really gone into depth and researched it deeply. Over my research, I have read books, articles, magazines, newspapers, and watched documentaries and movies. I displayed all of this info through the genres. A highlight of this project was when I interviewed a professor at Kent State University, on the Klan and was provided with almost too much information too even handle. I also wrote on essay on lynching that relates to a situation that a student at Albany Middle School told me about. In this topic I focused my research into the membership of the Klan, violence and amount of incidents committed by the Klan, leadership and power in the Klan, and origin and history of the Klan. To expand my knowledge on these topics I read loads of books and magazines but on that stood out was Ann Heinrichs book, *The Ku Klux Klan, a hooded brotherhood*. This book gave me a ton of useful information on my topic and if you are trying to learn more on the Klan I recommend it. At the end of my project I will have a works cited so you can see the pieces that I used to put this project together.

When I first started this project, like most other professors and students I hated it. Although it has proven to be very beneficial in the long run and I have learned more that I ever could have imagined. One thing I was surprised about was how innocently the Klan started out. I thought they were a violent group from the beginning but they actually started out as a innocent group who pulled pranks and scared people. Of course they evolved into the violent racist monster we know them as today but it is still fascinating to see where they started. I hope to discover more on the Klan and uncover the secrets held behind their shrouded and mysterious past. All in all, I have actually really enjoyed the information and experience I have gained from this project.

Sincerely,

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