***Prompt:***

In 500 words

The year is 2150 and you are one of the settlers of the first colony on a newly discovered planet (which miraculously turns out to have a climate, atmosphere and geography remarkably similar to that of Earth). Everyone has comfortable housing and a 5-year supply of food and water. The other settlers unanimously elect you as their first leader. What will you do next? Also include an interplanetary Tweet to Mission Control explaining why they elected you (140 characters).

AND

In 50 words

What is it that interests you about the Liberal Arts and Sciences education (hint: look this term up) offered by the Honors College?

***Essay:***

The Pie Solution

There are so many things we will need to do to make a successful civilization here. We will need a lasting food supply, an education system, a form of government, hospitals, and so much more. It will take time and it will take team work. As the leader I don’t want to lay out every rule and every project that needs to be done, nor would it be helpful if I did. To create a world people enjoy living in, the people must make it; I’m simply here to help. Everyone on this planet is here for a reason. Every member has different skills that benefit our community, but no matter how many skills we have, our civilization will not thrive if we cannot get these skills to work together. My solution: Dessert!

My goal is to make a world where our people are happy and feel they are a part of their community. What better way to make people happy than with desserts? My first request as leader is to have a weekly party where the members of our community come together and eat desserts. This will give people a chance to have fun, relax, and socialize while also being a deceptively simple way to build our community.

Everyone here has skills that help us, but because of this, it can be hard to meet people who do different things. My hope is to bring our community together and help people interact that wouldn’t normally. Some of the best results in any project come from people with differing ideas coming together to solve a problem. This event would allow people in the community to interact with new people and be smiling while doing it. I have found, when working in a group toward a common goal, meeting in a social setting builds a sense of camaraderie and strengthens the relationship. People will begin to create connections and have each other’s best interests in mind. This will form a greater incentive to make a civilization that benefits all of us.

This social event with tasty goodies can also double as a community meeting. Members can bring up ideas on what needs to be done in the community and how we will do it. We will be able to discuss important topics and talk freely with the people we have grown comfortable with. We will not be as successful if we do not have a sense of connectedness. This is my goal; to create a positive environment in which we can work together to create the world we want. There’s a famous quote by the well-known scientist Carl Sagan that I enjoy; “If you wish to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first invent the universe.” One cannot make a pie without the necessities the universe gives us. We cannot make a lasting civilization without a solid ground beneath us. If you want to build a civilization from scratch, you must first indulge in apple pie!

***Tweet to Mission Control:***

I think I was elected leader due to my creativity, good judgement, and ability to work with others. I also make a mean lemon pie #PieProject

***Why I’m Interested in the Liberal Arts and Sciences education:***

I got most excited about the Honors College’s Liberal Arts and Sciences education when I learned there is an emphasis on students working together across disciplines to think about and solve big problems. I love having a broad view of the world and being able to think critically about situations.