English 102 Roth Diagnostic Writing Prompt

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| You are having coffee with Colin Kaepernick. When you ask him how others are reacting to his kneeling during the National Anthem, he answers that some people support his kneeling while others see it as a sign of disrespect.    He says, however, the biggest problem is that since he said he would continue the protest until “he was satisfied with the changes made toward ending racial oppression in the United States,” most people wanted to know what specific steps they could take or support to make things better. In addition, most wanted to know what specific changes he would be looking for, changes that would cause him to end his protest.  He asks for your advice regarding both.  In a short essay, please suggest specific steps he could suggest that might lead to change.  Once you identify a step, please explain why it might be worthwhile and offer ideas about how it might be implemented.    In addition, identify specifically what “changes made toward ending racial oppression” Colin should look for. In other words, what specific signs would convince him that real changes had been made regarding racial oppression in the United States?  Possible structure of response:  Try for two steps (each with its own rationale) that might lead to change, and each developed fully in its own paragraph (2 paragraphs total).  Try for two specific signs of change, each developed fully in its own paragraph (2 paragraphs total). |