The kind of project I want from you this semester is hopefully relatively clear by now: outline a topic related to author profiling where more work could be done, and begin an implementation which serves this niche well.

The best way to describe what I’m looking for from here on out is to provide some structure, in the form of a timeline:

- **Oct. 27 (Thurs.):** finalize a topic: ≤1-page summary
  - group projects are allowed/encouraged (but not required)
- **Nov. 15 (Tues.):** submit a 2–4 page progress report, with:
  - a summary of the topic (revised from Oct. 27 feedback)
  - motivation for the general topic and how it fits into the class themes
  - your specific niche/problem/approach—and some connection to what the previous literature has lacked
  - the data to be used/acquired
  - an implementation plan, i.e., timeline for your work
  - any initial findings
- **Dec. 6, 8:** project reports in class
- **Fri., Dec. 16, 5pm:** final report due, containing:
  1. 10–20 page paper (longer for groups), including all of what a paper normally includes:
     - strong motivation & clear goal, i.e., statement of what you hope to accomplish
     - relevant background
     - outline of the data to be used and how it is appropriate
     - description of your system, the decisions made, difficulties encountered, etc.
       - this may be slightly different than an academic paper, containing more nuts & bolts issues
     - results
       - make sure you define your evaluation metrics, label & explain graphs, etc.
     - discussion of what the results mean and the next steps would be, if you were to pursue the project further
  2. any relevant code you wish to submit or point me to (e.g., a github repository)