

Informational/Expository Essay Prompt



READ the following quotation and dictionary definition:

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

in·jus·tice **noun** \(\,)in-'jəs-təs\ the violation of right or rights of another; unfairness

THINK

On July 4, 1776, our forefathers signed the *Declaration of Independence* as a proclamation of freedom for all citizens of the New World. The second paragraph of this document begins with the famous words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all men are created equal**, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain **unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.**" Unfortunately, throughout history and within our modern world, the rights of some individuals and groups of people have been disrespected or abused, and not all people are treated with fairness and equality.

As members of our world and future leaders of society, it is important for youth to consider what is wrong with our world and contemplate what can be done to improve societal situations and contribute to creating a more fair, just, and peaceful world for future generations.

WRITING PROMPT - an argumentative expository essay - with the theme of Injustice, compose argumentative essays in response to the prompt, "Do athletes, part of national teams (NFL, NBA, etc.) have the right to dissent?"

Clearly state your controlling idea (thesis statement) **<WORK THE THESIS PREWRITING EXERCISE BELOW.>**

- fully support your central thesis with at least 3 body paragraphs that offer passionate reasoning, facts, and evidence for your viewpoint
- use word choices that appeal to the audience's logic, emotions, and sense of what is humanly right
- use transition words to smoothly connect sentences to one another
- construct simple and compound sentences following punctuation and sentence structure standards
- organize and develop your argument effectively
- close with a call to action that will influence the reader to agree with your position and make the changes you suggest
- restate the thesis in the conclusion
- use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences

THESIS STATEMENT PREWRITING:

Your thesis must have these 3 elements:

TOPIC / CLAIM (**must/should statement**) / * connector word / 3 BODY PARAGRAPH FOCUS

Example: The public education system must be changed in order to provide stronger reading instruction for earlier grade levels, allow for additional instruction for lower income students, and connect middle and high school students with real world skills.

Topic _____ Claim: _____

Connector: _____

Body Paragraph 1 Focus: _____,

Body Paragraph 2 Focus: _____, and

Body Paragraph 3 Focus: _____

WRITE THE THESIS IN 1 SENTENCE:

*connector words: because, in order that, since, if, as ,etc.

ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY SUPPORT QUESTIONS

Topic: _____

1. What do I already know about this topic?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____

2. What information do I need to find on the Internet?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____

3. What IMPORTANT QUESTIONS do I need to find answers for in order to support my topic sentences and thesis?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____

4. Who can I ask about this topic? Who would have expert information?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____