EDITORIALS (305)

Editorials are articles that rely on strong emotion to make a point. They always clearly choose one side of an issue. The issue is usually one that is currently inspiring argument or debate among people. Editorials are similar to persuasive essays in that they try to persuade and convince, but they are shorter and less formal in style. They rely less on facts and more on emotion to drive their arguments forward.

You will write an editorial of your own on an issue currently relevant to teens. Your editorial will have 5 short paragraphs, a catchy or interesting title and must be typed. This is your format:

Paragraph #1: an introduction where you state the issue and your point of view about it clearly and with emotion. (your *thesis*)

Paragraph #2: state the opposing view to yours and hit the reader immediately with strong reasons why that view is inferior to yours.

Paragraph#3: give clear reasons for why you hold the opinion on the issue. Provide specific examples to support each point made.

Paragraph #4: offer your solution to the problem.

Paragraph #5: conclude by restating your main ides (your thesis) and end on a positive note (or in a way that expresses hope for the future) or end with a statement that packs an emotional punch.

You will need to complete a Writing Variables Sheet for this assignment

Some things to consider:

1. IF you choose to cite facts or statistics to support your point, make sure they are accurate and documented informally within your text and more specifically on a separate piece of paper.

2. You will be marked on the **CONTENT, ORGANIZATION, STYLE** and **MECHANICS** of your writing. **Content** refers to your ideas and **organization** refers to how you order those ideas and move smoothly between them. **Style** refers to certain aspects of wording that are particular to the editorial form such as the use of rhetorical questions, strongly emotional language, "I statements", sarcasm, and the use of the 1st and 2nd person within the text.