**WRITING YOUR PERSUASIVE ESSAY**

Each student is responsible for writing a persuasive essay in support of their bill.

**Remember that you are trying to persuade the others members to vote for your bill!**

The essay must be typed, double-spaced, and should have a heading that includes your name,

date, and class period.

Your speech will be made up of six parts:

**Part 1: Intro**: This should include your name and thesis statement.

* THESIS: The issue/problem + brief statement of your solution

*“Hello, My name is Mr. Trump. There are not enough High School students graduating within 4 years, therefore I am suggesting that we offer a one-time payment of $5,000 to students who graduate on-time.”*

**Part 2: Background**: Background information on your topic (describe the situation):

* Define/describe any terms that the audience may be unfamiliar with.
* Briefly explain what is happening … What is the specific problem that is occurring?
* When did the issue first begin happening? Be specific.
* Discuss at least one example of the problem actually happening recently. A news article or story that shows that this problem isn’t hypothetical … that the problem is occurring today.

**Part 3: Effects of the Problem:** demonstrate that this is a ‘significant’ problem, including:

* Why it is a problem?
* How often does it happen?
* Who is affected by the problem? Describe which people are affected and/or how many people

are affected. Be specific.

* What are the costs of the problem? (Are there any economic costs to those affected? To society

as a whole?)

**Part 4: Other Solutions:**

* What OTHER SOLUTIONS have been tried to deal with this problem?
  + If no other solutions have been tried, explain WHY there have not been any efforts to address the problem.
* Evaluate those solutions: have they decreased the problem? Did they fail? Did they help?

**Part 5: Causes:** WHY is this problem occurring? What causes/contributes to the problem?

**Part 6: Your solution**: Explain your bill. How will it work? What the specifics are about how it will operate?, any rewards/punishments, appropriations (money) needed and its source, when will it go into effect?, and **WHY THEY SHOULD VOTE FOR IT! Be persuasive … present a compelling argument for why people should vote for your law.**