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Personal Response Timed Writing

In this timed writing you will be responding to the information in the text. Be sure to use specific examples and cite properly. This essay will not have an introduction or a conclusion. You will need a thesis statement and then start right into your body paragraphs. You must have at least three body paragraphs. Follow the proper organizational format of each body paragraph. Be sure to write in pen only. Answer the prompt fully and you may use “I”, but never use “you” unless it is in a direct quotation. You have the entire hour to complete this prompt.

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GOOD LUCK!

Rubric for Timed Writing #1

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Standards: Students will be able to discuss the purpose and effectiveness of non-fiction writing.
Students will be able to draw personal connections.
Students will be able to identify problems in urban areas.
Students will be able to effectively write an essay.
Students will be able to defend their position.

CRITERIA					
Adequately answers prompts	5	4	3	2	1
Strong Thesis Statement	5	4	3	2	1
Correctly cite evidence	5	4	3	2	1
Organization	5	4	3	2	1
Thoroughly answer questions	5	4	3	2	1
Elaborate on personal connections	5	4	3	2	1

****Grammar and mechanics are clear expectations for all writing assignments in English****