TASK #3 – Thesis Writing

Standard:

P.1 (SWBAT Analyze primary source documents)
P.4 (SWBAT support and defend analysis or a position with evidence)

Description: Writing an outstanding thesis/introduction paragraph is one of the keys to success on the AP exam. In addition, being able to organize your ideas and create thesis statements will be a skill that will be used indefinitely throughout your life experience. In order to practice this skill you will be selecting a primary source document of your choice (photo or written document) and writing a thesis statement and introductory paragraph that shows analysis of your selected document. You will be sharing your thesis statement with the class in order for us to all improve on our writing. Your introductory paragraph with thesis statement will be graded using the rubric below.

Criteria:

- ☑ Setting (time frame)
- ☑ Analysis Present (you need to show the reader that you are thinking about the topic on a deeper level)
- ☑ Clear Partition (usually 3 central ideas that will become the stems for your body paragraph essays)
- ☑ Sophisticated thesis statement (presents an argument and tells the reader how you will interpret the significance of the event)
- ☑ Mechanics – spelling, punctuation, grammar, organization

Rubric:

Criteria	-- (0-5)	✓ (6-10)	+ (11-15)
Thesis Statement	Simple thesis statement, lacks sophistication, complexity absent, does not answer prompt fully or at all	Satisfactory thesis statement, more sophistication and/or complexity needed, prompt not fully answered	Sophisticated and complex thesis statement that thoroughly answers prompt
Setting	Setting incorrect or not mentioned	X	Setting accurate and included
Analysis	Minimal to no analysis present	Sufficient analysis of prompt	Thorough analysis of prompt
Partition	Poor partition, not included, simple, confusing, awkward wording, unclear	Satisfactory Partition, more sophistication, complexity, different ideas needed	Sophisticated partition, main ideas included
Mechanics	Many errors	Minor errors	Excellent, no major errors