**Persuasive Paragraphs ~ The Assignment**

Write a persuasive paragraph defending/arguing in support of **one** of the following topics:

1. …why teens should not smoke/vape
2. …why teens should stay sober (no alcohol/drugs)
3. …why teens should be chaste (no sex)
4. …why school uniforms are a good idea
5. …why school uniforms are a bad idea
6. …why students shouldn’t miss class/skip school
7. …why high school classes should start later in the day
8. …why the voting age should be lowered from 18 to 16
9. …why high school students should have a part-time job
10. …why high school students should get involved in an extracurricular activity/club such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (a sport/playing an instrument/cadets/etc.)

Remember:

* Paragraphs should be 8-15 sentences long.
* Have a clear topic sentence, body sentences, and a closing sentence.
* Include at least one sentence with an opinion AGAINST you to show that your idea is more persuasive.
* Include at least three facts to support your opinions. Ensure that each fact is true and can be “fact checked” by the reader. Try to include one fact from a newspaper, reliable internet source, periodical/magazine, encyclopaedia, or other reference book to make your argument stronger.
* List your sources as a footnote.

**Final drafts of paragraphs are to be typed (in a clear size 12 font) and double-spaced. Ensure that your name, course, teacher’s name, and the date are in the upper right corner. Submit through MS Teams. Date due:**