## **Persuasive Writing - The Editorial**

Write an editorial on a topic of your choice. Your audience is your peers.

- \* Plan your editorial by completing the outline provided. Include this in your portfolio.
- \* Include the five elements of the editorial: proposition, context, evidence to support your proposition, logical and emotional language and brevity (250-400 words).
  - \*Make sure your position (proposition) is clear and that your evidence supports and therefore proves it.
  - \*Include a minimum of <u>four</u> pieces of evidence and <u>three</u> examples <u>each</u> of logical and emotional language.
  - \*Your evidence may include common facts, examples, studies, various data, statistics, research, historical fact, experts' opinions, etc.
- \* You must use at least three <u>persuasive techniques</u> and a <u>call to action</u> in your editorial. For each persuasive technique and for the call to action, write a brief (2-3 sentences each) explanation of how it serves to persuade your audience.
- \* Revise your editorial to improve its content, clarity and interest. Verify the following:
  - \_ Is your tone (serious, sarcastic, humorous, etc) appropriate to your topic?
  - Does your level of language appeal to your audience?
  - \_ Does your evidence support your proposition and prove your point?
  - \_ Do you use appropriate and persuasive diction?
  - \_ Do you use appropriate persuasive techniques?
  - \_ Do you appeal to both logic and emotion?
  - \_ Is your vocabulary appropriate and your grammar correct?
- \* On your final copy, highlight and label a) the elements of the editorial, b) the persuasive techniques and c) the call to action in your text.

I am looking forward to reading your editorial. Let's see if you can persuade me!