

Directions: Write your name and the period you have English in the upper left corner of your paper. Single space. Choose ONE of the following prompts. Create an outline or a bubble diagram before you start writing. Write your essay in Microsoft Word. Be sure to SpellCheck when you are finished, and SAVE it, then PRINT your essay and hand it in. You have the complete period. Your teacher will give you a warning when there are 5 minutes remaining.

#1. A litter problem has developed on your school's campus. Students are throwing trash on the ground, leaving empty soda cans and bottles outside on benches, and dropping napkins and other trash on the cafeteria floor rather than carrying them to the trash can. Your principal has asked students to take more care, but the litter problem persists. The principal has reacted by canceling all after-school activities until the problem is taken care of. What is your position on this issue? Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper stating your position and supporting it with convincing reasons.

#2. One of the biology teachers at your school has decided to change from a ten-point grade scale (100 to 90 is an A, 89 to 80 is a B, etc.) to a seven-point grade scale (100 to 93 is an A, 92 to 85 is a B, etc.). The teacher is trying to encourage students to put more effort into their classes by raising the requirements. What is your position on this issue? Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper stating your position and supporting it with convincing reasons.