**DIRECTIONS:**

**Handwrite** a 5-paragraph essay about the following topic. **Rough draft due at the end of the hour!** This document will guide you through the writing process. You are **required** to brainstorm and at least roughly fill out the outline. Handwrite your rough draft, as it is CSAP practice. IF you have time, revise and edit your essay. You do not need to make a final draft. If you finish before class is over, you may read, read, read, read, or read.

**5-paragraph persuasive essay writing prompt:**

6th grade: Should students at your school be required to wear uniforms? Why or why not?

7th grade: Should all students attend year-around school? Why or why not?

8th grade: Students are required by law to attend school until they are at least 16 years old. They are only allowed to miss a few days of school each year, usually 10 or fewer. What should be done with students who miss more than 10 days of school in a school year?

**2-5 minutes: brainstorm here (web, list, etc)**

**1-2 minutes: Write your thesis**

Thesis: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**5 minutes: Outline:**

Introduction:

Hook:

Transition:

Thesis

Body 1

Topic sentence:

Reason 1:

Support:

Reason 2:

Support:

Reason 3:

Support:

Transition sentence:

Body 2

Topic sentence:

Reason 1:

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Body 3

Topic sentence:

Reason 1:

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Reason 3:

Support:

Transition sentence:

Conclusion:

Revisit hook

Summarize ideas

Restate thesis

**45 minutes: Handwrite you essay. (CSAP practice)**

**Revise:**

Is my paper in a logical order?

Does every sentence support the topic?

Did I use vivid word choice that paints a picture in the reader’s head?

Do I need to add or remove information?

Does each body paragraph have a topic sentence and AT LEAST 3 details?

**Edit:**

Did I capitalize correctly?

Is everything spelled correctly?

Is there end punctuation after each sentence?