Social Institutions Claims

**All evidence and materials should relate to the Essential Claim: Prove how the role social institutions such as politics and economics have played in shaping and framing a culture by facilitating social resistance movements.**

1. Choose a topic – check it with Mrs. Sales
2. Research a topic using the given libguide
3. Open the Claims/Evidence form.
   - Put an MLA heading on the page
   - ‘Save as’ Last name_SocHour_Claims
4. Complete the Claims/Evidence form. On the libguide, you will fill it in.
   - Decide on your thesis statement – relate to the essential claim.
5. Read/annotate 3 sources from the databases given on the libguide (Opposing Viewpoints, History in Context, Etc.)
   - Source #1 goes in the box labeled Claim #1, Source #2 goes in the box labeled Claim #2, Source #3 goes in the box labeled Claim #3
   - On the next page after your Claims/Evidence form you will need a Works Cited Page in MLA format.
6. Claim - Decide what each source is claiming (states your position on the issue)
   - A good claim is not obvious.
   - A good claim is not overly vague.
   - A good claim is logical; it emerges form a reasonable consideration of the evidence.
   - A good claim is debatable.
   - Example: The most plausible explanation for the recent increase in gambling as an acceptable pastime is the perceived stamp of approval by cultural institutions, such as state and local governments and organized religion.
7. Evidence - What evidence supports the claim? (Provide 3 main pieces in complete sentences under the evidence section of the claim)
   - Evidence or date that you cite should support your claim. It’s like a lawyer presenting evidence to a jury, you must support your claim with facts; an unsupported claim is merely an assertion.
   - Data could include:
     - Facts or statistics
     - Expert opinion: learned opinion, theory, and analysis that you should cite frequently, both to support your argument and to disagree with. Sources must be quoted or paraphrased and appropriately cited.
   - Examples:
     - Last year Minnesota spent $X million dollars promoting their state-run lottery through ads focusing on the contributions made to environmental funds.
     - Churches have used raffles, bingo and even card tournaments as fundraisers for years.

Final Instructions

**WHEN COMPLETED, PRINT THE FINAL DOCUMENT(S).**

If your name is not on them, you will not get credit!

**DATE DUE: END OF THE CLASS PERIOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10**
Topics to research as related to Social Institutions (Economic and Political)
The claims and evidence could be from outside of the United States.

Some examples of social protest would include:
- Boycotts,
- Public Assemblies,
- Symbolic Public Acts
- Noncooperation
- Stalling or obstruction
- Mutiny
- Rejection of authority
- Public statements
- Processions
- Withdrawal from social system