**Editorial Essay Guide (Rubric)**

1. Choose an editorial in the Washington Post with which you disagree. We will use the Ipads, and I will bring in many editorials to choose from. I will explain the editorials a bit.
2. Form an outline refuting the article.
3. Gather evidence to support your side.
4. The editorial is a more succinct (brief) and opinionated persuasive essay.
5. Use third person or 1st person plural. Avoid “I think” in your paper.
6. State your thesis or major argument in the first paragraph. Grab the reader’s interest.
7. Give evidence to support your side in the second paragraph (at least three major points).
8. You may get in a quote or two, but you do not have to. You do not have to cite a source at the end, but you should refer to the author, date, and title of the editorial you are disagreeing with in your editorial (thesis).
9. The editorial should be about a half page typed or a full page written. State your argument concisely and eloquently. Keep it formal. Do not attack the person or generalize broadly. Give evidence and sound arguments. Use a strong vocabulary.
10. Wrap the editorial up briefly in the conclusion. Relate back to the thesis from paragraph one. Leave the reader with a “wow” closing statement.