## **Banned words/phrases:**

Didn't, it's, couldn't, wouldn't, shouldn't Should of (should have) We, us (America or Americans) I think, I believe, I feel In conclusion a lot

## Always write about history in past tense:

Is=was Are=were Happening-=happened Have=had

## **Paragraph Structure:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> sentence is your topic sentence and it should answer the question being asked.
- 2-4 sentences with specific examples that prove your topic sentence to be true.
- 5<sup>th</sup> or last sentence should restate the topic sentence, and if part of a larger essay would include a transition.