Deadline/Steps for the Op-ED

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First, thoroughly go through the links on the website concerning the Op-Ed piece and how one is written. Read many, many examples of them and familiarize yourself.

Go through these steps as you finish the assignment. You will be graded for each step, so pay attention.

**Step 1**: List your topic below and accompany that with your reasoning behind WHY you chose it.

Topic\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reasoning (include things like why you are passionate, the topic’s relevance, etc.)

Points: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/25 points

**Step 2:**

Research and find facts about your topic. Below, list the ten pertinent factual points you could include in your Op-Ed. ***IN YOUR FINAL DRAFT, THESE FACTUAL POINTS WILL BE ITALIZED***

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POINTS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/50 points

**STEP 3:**

Write two separate openings to your op-ed, both being lively, daring, opinionated and inviting.

POINTS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/20 points

**STEP 4:**

Print out your draft and have it edited by TWO classmates. Make sure they write comments all over it.

POINTS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/25 POINTS

**STEP 5:**

FINAL DRAFT. REMEMBER, PUT ALL FACTUAL SUPPORT IN ITALICS IN THE FINAL DRAFT FOR ME. TAKE OUT ALL ITALICS IN THE COPY YOU SEND TO THE LOCAL PRESS.

POINTS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/100 POINTS