***Writing Practice***

You have practiced close and critical reading, citing sources and understanding different types of writing over the past 2 weeks. You will now implement those skills into your writing. You will need to take the information you have learned and write 3 mini essays. Each essay needs to be 2 paragraphs long. You must include information from at least 1 of the 3 essays we have read, about police body cameras. Follow the directions below and write your mini essays on a separate sheet of paper. **Each essay should be written clearly, well organized, include a topic and concluding sentence, and use transitional and linking phrases. Pay attention to spelling and complete sentences.**

**Narrative Mini Essay**: Pretend you are a police officer and have to wear a body camera. Write a 2 paragraph mini essay about a time having a body camera helped you defend your side of an incident against the side of the person you had an interaction with while on patrol. You must include at least one paraphrased piece of information from 1 of the 3 articles we have read and credit that source. **You must also include at least one piece of dialogue and use details and descriptive language in your piece.**

**Informative Mini Essay**: You must write a 2 paragraph mini essay to inform the public about what a police body camera is; what it does, how it works, when it is on, where the footage goes, and why police departments are using them. You must include at least 1 direct quote and 1 paraphrased piece of information from at least 2 of the articles we have read and you must give credit to that source. **Avoid using a biased tone and stick to the details, facts and truth. (ie. do not use I think, I believe, etc.)**

**Argumentative Mini Essay**: You must write a 2 paragraph essay providing both sides of the argument: Should police officers have to wear body cameras? **In your first paragraph provide your side of the argument: yes they should wear body cameras and why or no they should not wear body cameras and why not.**  You must include at least one piece of evidence from the articles we have read to support your side, you can quote the article or paraphrase, make sure you give credit to that source. **In your second paragraph you will provide what is called the rebuttal or the other side of the argument.** You must provide evidence from the articles we have read to support the rebuttal, you can quote the article of paraphrase; make sure you give credit to who said it.