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Haiti Opinion Essay

Writing a Speech

Directions:

* **I can write persuasive, opinion based essay about how the United States should respond to the natural disasters of other nations and how we as fifth graders could and should respond.**
	+ For the purposes of this paper we will be writing about the fictional country of Sciotopia, which has recently had a severe earthquake.
* **Your writing should be aimed at convincing your audience of your opinion.**
* As you write your essay refer back to any notes you took during this unit.
* Follow the **outline** you write to guide your writing.
* Be sure to use **transitions** in your writing to be clear and direct.
* **Write in a mature and sophisticated manner.**

* Write **at least five paragraphs (5+ sentences each)**.
* Be sure that your final paragraph **concludes** and provides **closure** for your essay and concludes your argument.
* Use the adapted 5th grade **rubric** to ensure that you include all that is required to make your speech engaging and organized.
* Check your writing for:
	+ spelling
	+ capitalization of proper nouns
	+ capitalization of the beginning of sentences
	+ punctuation
	+ indentation of each new paragraph
	+ interesting word choice
	+ See the rubric for more details of expectations.