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Haiti Opinion Essay Writing a Speech
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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.