**Informational Essay: A Moment in History from a Unique Perspective**

**7th Grade**

**Paragraph Breakdown**

**Intro. Par.-** 1) Begin by giving background information about your topic. Hook the reader’s attention. Briefly provide a specific story from this historical event or begin with a relevant quotation from an eyewitness account, or interview about the event, or describe a scene from this historical event. 2)Do a thumbnail sketch of the even. Provide 3-4 sentences that tell the reader the major points about this moment. Who was involved? What happened? Where did this take place? How did this story end? 3) Your **Thesis Statement** which is your **Central Idea**. State the key moments you’ll discuss and explain why these are the crucial moments in this event and how they’re related.

**Body Paragraphs-** 1) Topic Sentence for the key moment you’re going to analyze. (Make sure the moments are in chronological order.) Each key moment you’re discussing has its own paragraph. Don’t forget to use a transition word to introduce this. 2) Summarize the facts about the moment. Give date/time, location, what happened, and who was involved. 3)Describe the key moment. Bring it to life. Give an eyewitness account that includes sensory details, or supporting details of interest from a news article or interview, or vivid images gathered from first-hand reporting. 4) Analysis – tell why and how. Why is this moment so important and/or how is it related to the moment before and after?

**Concluding Par.-** Remind the reader what you’ve discussed and give a brief summary. Answer why the event was important to a society or culture and tell the impact the event has had on future events. You can also discuss what happened after the event.

**Don’t Forget: Make sure you site your sources with a bibliography page!!**