**Diocese of Allentown Writing Prompt**

**Genre: Argument Grade(s): 7 & 8**

***The writing assessment is kept in the students’ writing folder.***

***The results are put on the Google form***

**Sent: March 13, 2018 Due: April 25, 2018**

You will have 2+ class periods to plan, write, and proofread your response to this writing prompt. Please allow students additional time to complete this prompt, given the need to independently read the article in addition to writing the essay.

**Writing Prompt:**

**oes a zoo provide a natural means of preserving and protecting animals?**

Many people visit a zoo during vacation. Do zoos help preserve and protect the animals that are kept in zoos? Write a **five** paragraph essay presenting your argument to the Board of Directors of the zoo. State your claim and use evidence to support it.

**ROLE**: student

**AUDIENCE**: Board of Directors (leaders, managers, and owners) at the zoo

**FOCUS**: Argue the protection of animals

**TOPIC**: The protection and preservation of animals

**Read the article** and decide whether zoos protect and preserve animals in the zoo. Your essay should include a claim and a counterclaim.

**Plan**

*Before you write:*

Read the prompt carefully so you understand exactly what you are being asked to do.

Think about the topic and your audience.

Use an appropriate graphic organizer to organize your thoughts.

**Write**

*As you write:*

Refer to your graphic organizer to keep your thoughts organized.

Write a thesis statement.

Support your claim (main idea) with specific evidence (details).

Include a counterclaim with specific evidence.

Write a good conclusion.

Be sure to include interesting words and varied sentences.

Use proper grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

Make sure your essay is written in **TAP** (third person, active voice, present tense)

**Proofread**

*After you write:*

Read your paragraph.

 Do your sentences make sense?

 Will the reader be able to understand what you are communicating?

 Are your spelling, grammar,capitalization, and punctuation correct?

 Did you check the rubric for expectations?