**Third Trimester Diocese of Allentown Writing Prompt**

**Genre: Opinion Grade(s): 5 & 6**

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

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

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

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:**

**Does 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 **three to five** paragraph essay presenting your opinion to the Board of Directors of the zoo.

**ROLE**: student

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

**FOCUS**: State your position about 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.

**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 topic sentence.

Support your position with specific evidence (details).

Write a strong 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?

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

Did you check the rubric for expectations?