**Responding to Injustice Essay**

Your task is to write five-paragraph, persuasive essay that makes a clear argument about how we respond to injustice. Remember since you are making an argument, you must persuade people to agree with you, and, in order to do that, you will need to give them evidence from the text(s) we read. You must use evidence from ***at least*** one of the texts we read, but you may use more than one text if you wish.

**Here are your choices:**

1. **How should people respond to injustice?**

You can be very specific or more open-ended. For example, you may just want to say that people should respond to injustice without violence. However, you could also give a more detailed response: People should respond to injustice through nonviolent protests that raise awareness. You could also give a step-by-step guided: People should respond to injustice by first deliberately breaking unjust laws, then raising awareness and finally creating a unified movement. Your thesis will guide your organization.

1. **What is necessary to successfully fight injustice?**

You can name multiple requirements, but in order to stay focused, I would not go over three. For example you could just say that taking risks is required to fight injustice. Another option would be to list more requirements: It is necessary to take risks, raise awareness and refrain from using violence to successfully fight injustice. Yes, this is very close to a journal question, but it can be expanded into an entire essay if you use name multiple things that are required to fight injustice, or if you utilize multiple examples and texts.

**You will need the following in your essay:**

**Introduction:** Set the stage for the essay. Describe the injustices you will be talking about in your essay so that the reader has enough **background information.** Finish your introduction with your **thesis.**

**Body paragraphs:** You must have three body paragraphs that use specific evidence from a text. You must have at least three direct quotes in the whole essay, but they do not have to all be in different paragraphs and they do not all have to come from the same text.

**Conclusion:** Remind your reader of what you wrote about**—summarize.** Finish by making a **call to action**. What do you want your reader to do now?