**English III: Five Paragraph Persuasive Essay**

You have 30 minutes to construct an essay based on the prompt below. Think about your position on the question and make sure you have supporting reasons and evidence to back up your opinion. Write an essay based on one of the two points provided, or you may choose to write on a different point of view. You may write on this sheet and/or another sheet of paper – just make sure that this sheet is attached. Please put your name on all sheets.

You will be graded by the following criteria:

Organization (4 points)

The essay has five separate paragraphs

You have a clear thesis statement

You have three body paragraphs that support your thesis

Your conclusion sums up the essay

Content (20 points)

Your thesis is clear and you give three reasons to support your thesis in your introduction

Your reasons make sense and support your thesis

You use evidence (specific details) to support your reasons

The closing line of your conclusion wraps up the essay nicely

Style/Clarity (4 points)

You do not use “I” or “me” in your essay

There are few spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors

You vary your language and use transitions when necessary

**Many communities are considering adopting curfews for high school students. Some educators and parents favor curfews because they believe it will encourage students to focus more on their homework and make them more responsible. Others feel curfews are up to families, not the community, and that students today need freedom to work and participate in social activities in order to mature properly. Do you think that communities should impose curfews on high school students?**