MUN

Letter Prompt

February 24, 2014

As part of our unit on child soldiers we’ve discussed many different aspects of the problem, the attempts to address the problem, and how you as an individual can get involved. This assignment allows you to put that last idea into practice. You will be composing a letter to a world leader about the issue of child soldiers.

Addressee

You can address your letter to whichever world leader you most feel you want to contact about this issue. If you would like to see Mexico take a more active role in addressing this issue, for example, you could address your letter to President Peña Nieto or Mexico’s ambassador to the UN.

Format

Your letter should follow the MLA format for a business letter (available on course website). It should include a salutation, an introductory paragraph, three body paragraphs, a closing paragraph, and closing (e.g. Sincerely). Make sure to include your own address as well as the mailing address of the recipient as shown in the examples on your course website.

Content

The three body paragraphs of your letter should address the following three topics respectively: 1) a short summary of the problem of child soldiers; 2) two examples of attempts to address the problem through disarmament, demobilization, or rehabilitation; 3) the action you want the recipient of your letter to take.

Professionalism

Your work should demonstrate proper spelling, grammar, and attention to detail.

Due Dates

The first draft of your letter is due in class on Monday, February 24th. **EVEN IF IT IS HAND-WRITTEN, YOU MUST HAVE A HARD COPY ON THIS DAY.** The final version will be due on the 3RD of March.