**How to properly write a warm-up (or any short essay!)**

**We are more than halfway through the school year and students have been writing warm-up answers since August. Here are some guidelines to follow when writing a proper warm-up answer (or essay):**

1. If the question asks for **five** sentences, then please write **five complete sentences**. If it’s any more than that, please follow the instructions unless otherwise told.
2. A complete sentence consists of a subject (person, place, or thing), a verb (action), and a noun on the receiving end.
3. Avoid **first-person** and **second-person** language. For example, avoid using “I,” “me,” “you,” “ “we,” “us,” etc.
4. Phrases like “That’s all I know” or “That’s all I can remember” are **unacceptable**.
5. **Always keep an eye on that grammar.** “Go back to where you wuz,” or “My bff iz trippin’ on dis essay” are not proper sentences. Avoid text messaging language, too!
6. **Always** use historic examples. These will beef up the answer when written. The more examples, the better!

**Failure to follow these instructions will lead to lost points. This applies not only to warm-ups, but also essays on tests and any essays written in class.**

**Please look at the examples written below:**

**Good example:**

Numerous Americans helped industrialize the United States. For example, Thomas Edison’s light bulb invention gave cities all over the U.S. electricity at night instead of candlelight. In addition, Andrew Carnegie’s mass production of steel helped industry grow nationwide. Others involved in the American Industrial Revolution were Alexander Graham Bell and his telephone, and Henry Ford’s assembly line for cars. Without these inventions or ideas, the U.S. may not be one of the world leaders in the economy today.

**Bad example:**

Numerous inventions in the U.S. Thomas Edison and the light bulb. And Andrew Carnegie’s steel stuff. And Alexander Graham Bell’s telephone. That was cool.

**or**

1. Numerous inventions in the US.
2. Thomas Edison and the light bulb.
3. And Andrew Carnegie’s steel stuff.
4. And Alexander Graham Bell’s telephone.
5. That was cool.

**Each answer MUST be in paragraph format, unless told otherwise.**

Questions? Please ask Mr. Groves.