Introduction:

What background knowledge does your reader need to know in order to understand the rest of your essay? What is the history of dictators? Remember, since we are writing an information essay you shouldn’t be telling me if dictators are good or bad, just information about them.

Thesis:

Example: Westlake is an ever-changing school because of the rising number of students and evolving policies.

What are you going to be talking about in your essay?

What two characteristics are you going to address?

Write out your complete thesis statement following the guidelines provided.

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| Thesis Statement: \_\_\_\_\_/ 5 | | | | |
| **1 Point**  One engaging main idea. | **2 Points**  Two logical reasons, written in parallel structure, supporting the claim. | **3 Points**  Conventions: avoids run-ons, comma splices and errors in capitalization, spelling, and grammar | **4 Points**  Effective sentence structure: avoiding choppy or awkward wording. | **5 Points**  Word Choice: avoids vague language, no-no words, or wishy-washy words. |
| **Your thesis sentence:** | | | | |

First Paragraph:

Which characteristic will you be discussing in this paragraph?

Write an introductory sentence that introduces what you will be talking about in this paragraph.

Example: One of the biggest contributors to Westlake’s constant change is the continuing climb in student population.

Introduce a quote from either the Fidel Castro article or Kim Jong Il article.

Example: In a recent census, taken from the Alpine School District Newsletter…

Offer evidence from either the Fidel Castro article or Kim Jong Il article.

Example: . . . we see that Westlake’s growth rate is 110% each year.

Explain how your evidence relates to your topic.

Example: With the growing population in Saratoga and Eagle Mountain, the registration of incoming freshman each year always seems to top the last requiring constant adjustments from the school to accommodate the almost bursting amount of students.

In a report filed to the Utah State Board of Education, schools have shown that they expect a decrease in student population while, Westlake finds the opposite with overcrowding. Overcrowding requires an increase in school materials, desks, and