Week of 3/30
Persuasive Speech

Looking at what is happening in our country as a result of COVID-19, what issue in society has the pandemic brought to light?

The Task: Create a persuasive speech about an issue related to the pandemic.

Topics to consider: healthcare, self-isolation, racism and xenophobia, medical supplies, social distancing, remote learning, panic buying, stay at home orders, travel bans, face masks, state of the economy, unemployment, and the stimulus check

Time Frame: 3 weeks
Week of March 30th
-Part 1(analyzing others persuasive/opinion pieces)
Week of April 6th
-Part 2(brainstorming my persuasive piece)
Week of April 13th
-Part 3 (creating my persuasive piece)

Part 1: Looking at Others' Opinion Pieces (Week 1)

VIDEO 1

'Coronavirus Racism Infected My High School'

How is the coronavirus pandemic bringing out fears, stereotypes, xenophobia and racism?

https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000007028034/racism-coronavirus-asians.html?action=click&gtype=vhs&version=vhs-heading&module=vhs&region=title-area&cview=true&t=7

1. Complete chart as you watch.

Notable Quote or Detail from the film	Your Observation, Comment, or Question

2. After watching, think about these questions:

- What moments in this film stood out for you? Why?

- What connections can you make between this film and your own life or experience? Why? Does this film remind you of anything else you've read or seen? If so, how and why?

VIDEO 2
'She's an Honors Student. And Homeless. Will the Virtual Classroom Reach Her?'
How is the coronavirus exposing education's digital divide?

https://www.nytimes.com/video/nyregion/nyregionspecial/100000007054051/shes-an-honors-student-and-homeless-will-the-virtual-classroom-reach-her.html?action=click&gtype=vhs&version=vhs-heading&module=vhs&region=title-area&cview=true&t=180

3. Complete chart as you watch.

Notable Quote or Detail from the film	Your Observation, Comment, or Question

4. After watching, think about these questions:

- What messages, emotions or ideas will you take away from this film? Why?

- How is the coronavirus exposing education's digital divide?