**Your Own “Modest Proposal”**

**Directions: Please follow the directions** to determine what should be included in your “Modest Proposal”. This will be counted as a test grade in the final 9 weeks of your senior year and will be graded according to the rubric on the back of this sheet. This assignment is meant to be a SATIRE about an issue in society that you do not agree with and feel should be changed. Get creative! The more outrageous the proposal, the easier the implementation of sarcasm and criticism will be.

1. **Introduce the Proposal: Write an introductory paragraph outlining the problem you wish to criticize or bring to someone’s attention? The intro paragraph should contain the following:**
2. Hook sentence
3. Background information about your topic and why it bothers you (2-3 sentences)
4. Thesis: What is it about your subject that you would like people to reconsider?
5. **The Proposal details:**  How will you “solve” this problem using criticism or ridicule to make your audience aware that this issue is truly bothersome? This is where it gets crazy… use details and description to “punish” those people who make the problem worse. **This should be 1-2 paragraphs in length and contain several elements of satire**

* **Parody**
* **Exaggeration**
* **Reversal**
* **Incongruity**
* **Logical Appeal**
* **Emotional Appeal**
* **Ethical Appeal**
* **Irony**

1. **Conclusion: Comment on how this proposal is relevant to society as a whole.**
2. Restate your thesis in different words.
3. Sum up your ideas (2-3 sentences)
4. End with a sentence/statement that will make the reader continue to think about the problem but do not introduce a new idea!!!