You’ve probably heard the phrase “The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few.”
Philosopher John Stuart Mill said this back in 1859. We all know that murder is not the answer to
problems, but is it necessary sometimes for the good of the people? Some of the conspirators in Julius Caesar certainly thought so. Your task is to write about three assassinations in history and discuss the good and bad results of those murders. One of your assassinations must be Julius Caesar’s, one must be from the past twenty years, and one must be the recent murder of Osama bin Laden. Each of these murders will be discussed in a body paragraph. You will turn in the prewriting sheet, outline, rough draft with edits, and final draft.

You must have a newspaper, magazine, or encyclopedia article for each of your body paragraphs, so you will have three sources cited in your paper and on your Works Cited page. You MUST print those out and have the URL and date printed at the bottom of the page. You must use two direct quotes from each source within your paper.

Your introduction will start with an audience hook, followed by one sentence discussing each person assassinated, and your thesis statement will reflect the fact that assassinations are premeditated and usually for very specific reasons. (5-7 sentences)

Here is how you are structuring your body paragraphs (8-10 sentences):
1. Topic sentence-describe your assassination victim
2-3. Who was responsible and the reasons why (2 sentences)
4-5. What positives happened because of the murder? (2 sentences)
6-7. What negatives happened because of the murder? (2 sentences)
8. Conclude that murder and transition to the next one

Conclusion (5-7 sentences): this will be different than normal because you are going to discuss the three murders and the effectiveness of assassinations as a way of solving political or world problems. Does it actually solve the problems the assailants think it will?

Remember that the focus of the grading this time is MLA:
✓ Typed in 12-pt. font that is easy to read
✓ 1-inch margins
✓ Double spaced
✓ Heading correct
✓ Last name and page # in upper right
✓ Quotations correctly cited “ ” (Last name #).-there must be 6 quotes (2 from each source)
✓ Works Cited page-entries are correct, in alphabetical order, and reflect the parenthetical citations. Must have page # on it as well.

Use the websites on the library’s website to help you find articles. EBSCO, Facts on File, and CQ Researcher are all good sites for this project.
Gathering Grid

A gathering grid can help you organize information for a research report.
- Write your questions in the left hand column
- Write the title of our sources at the top of each column
- Write answers you find and note where you found them to see an example.

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**Question 1**
Who was responsible for the murder and why did they want to do it?

**Question 2**
What were the positive results of the assassination?

**Question 3**
What were the negative results of the assassination?