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Martin Luther's 95 Theses

Enough is enough and it's time for a change!!

Imagine, your school has just passed a new rule that has just made you and your friends extremely upset. This new rule has made you so mad, that you have decided to lead a movement to reform your school! This is a difficult task, but you know that if you can get enough support behind you, you can successfully get rid of this new rule and bring back peace to the student body. You could even possibly become a school hero in the process and get your very own statue in front of the school (well....maybe).



Directions: Here is what you need to do to complete this statement:

1. Think of a school rule that either exists or if you have trouble thinking of one, create a realistic rule that could be put in place at school. Make sure that the rule you think of makes you mad enough that you would consider protesting the rule. This rule also needs to be **appropriate and realistic!**
2. Now, think of a way in which you could protest the rule that you are focusing on. Remember, just like Martin Luther, you want to draw attention to the problems with the rule and why it is wrong.
3. Time to protest! Now it is time to put your plan into action by doing the following steps on a sheet of paper:
 - a. Create a formal statement concerning your protest. What is the rule that you are protesting and why do you think it was put into effect in the first place? Answer this for your formal statement.
 - b. Come up with **AT LEAST 5**, well constructed criticisms of the rule. Why is it wrong? What are your major problems with it?
 - c. To reform this rule, now create **AT LEAST 3** possible solutions that you think could fix this problem. Just saying that you want to abolish this rule does not count! How can you make this rule work and what concessions could you make with the school administration to help alleviate the problems that you have with this rule? Use these as a guide to help you come up with some solutions for the problem.

Remember, take your time and put effort into your criticisms and solutions because you want everyone in the class to go along with you. Martin Luther did not just post the 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg just because he felt like it. He was tired of the policies of Johann Tetzel and wanted other people to rally behind him and you want other people in class to rally behind your criticism and solutions to your problem as well, just like Martin Luther wanted too.

