**English 12:** Global Leadership

*Anthem*

**Objective**: The purpose of this writing assignment is to point you in the right direction regarding your reflection of history and your role as a leader in your own history. It will also improve your analytical thinking and rhetorical skills, both of which are necessary for college.

**Prompt**: How do we avoid repeating mistakes made in history? In your opinion, what is the biggest mistake made in history? Why do we record our history if we do the same thing over and over again? Think of this quote to help you wrap your mind around it: “[It is not worthwhile to try to keep history from repeating itself, for man's character will always make the preventing of the repetitions impossible](http://thinkexist.com/quotation/it_is_not_worthwhile_to_try_to_keep_history_from/164745.html).” - Mark Twain

**Directions**: Wait a minute, aren’t there three questions in the prompt? Why, yes, yes there are. Here’s how one would go about responding to the prompt:

1. Your thesis should be focused around the initial question: How do we avoid repeating mistakes made in history?
2. As part of your answer to this question, one can use his or her perceived biggest mistake made in history as support for the initial claim. This may be one body paragraph, it may be several. It’s your paper; take it where it needs to go. Feel free to use other sources, just make sure you cite them properly. Your Russian Revolution webquest and the subsequent sources will be VERY HANDY HERE!
3. The third and final question should be the end of your paper (the conclusion, if you will). This will probably be a two to three paragraph conclusion, in my humble opinion. The Mark Twain quote could potentially come in handy here.

**Requirements**:

* Typed and in MLA format
* Properly formatted works cited page and parenthetical citations
* Two underlined vocabulary words
* Each paragraph absolutely PROVES one claim
* Complete sentences, please
* Sentences should be varied because that establishes tone

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