**Civics**

**Journal Essay on LOCKE VERSUS HOBBES**

**Due Monday 10/13/2014**

**Directions: Refer to journal writing rubric for writing expectations. Please answer the following thesis question for your essay. Use the sub questions to help guide you and use evidence to support your reasoning.**

**THESIS QUESTION🡪** After evaluating the philosophies of Enlightenment philosophers John Locke and Thomas Hobbes, what is your perspective on the state of human nature and the reasons for government?

**Sub questions:**

* Are humans inherently good or bad?
* Are we born with a sense of morality or do we arrive blank slates, waiting for the world to teach us right from wrong?
* Or could it be worse: do we start out nasty, selfish devils, who need our parents, teachers, and religions to whip us into shape?
* Do we need government to protect us from ourselves?

**Evidence:**

* Are the theories of Locke and Hobbes seen in the video? HOW?

**Source**: ***Modern Day Research Example*** <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/babies-help-unlock-the-origins-of-morality/>

* Enlightenment primary source documents of Locke and Hobbes