The “Friends of Fiefdom” are out to change Naperville from a city to a fief! This prospect poses serious changes for us all! What will you do? Will you run and hide? NO!!!!!!! You are serious students concerned about the community, and the Naperville Sun wants you! They have heard about your expertise of the Middle Ages and are very excited about your opinions on this issue. They want to hire you to write an editorial for all of the citizens of Naperville to read. The entire city is anxious to hear your thoughts on how Naperville is comparable to a Middle Age's fief. Do you agree that Naperville should become a fief, or should it remain a city? Are you for the "Friends of Fiefdom" or are you with the "Fief Fighters?"

Not only will you be able to help out your community with this interesting editorial, but it will double as a grade for language arts as well! As such, you will be required to have and focus on certain key items throughout your editorial. Remember the persuasive techniques and ideas about structure discussed in class. You are picking one side and one side only to this exciting debate. You also need to come up with detailed support for your side of the argument. As your language arts teacher, I believe that you are qualified to convince the entire city of Naperville to believe the way you do. You are both highly skilled and highly qualified. Good luck and happy writing!

Criteria used to assess this task:

1. Use proper organization throughout your editorial.
   - Write in proper paragraph format for a logical flow of ideas.
   - Use an interesting lead and preview main points in introduction.
   - Restate main ideas and make request of reader in conclusion.
2. Maintain focus throughout entire editorial.
   - Use transitions between main points.
   - Convince audience with all reasons given.
3. Support your argument.
   - State different reasons for your opinion.
   - Support topic sentences with elaboration.
4. Demonstrate appropriate voice throughout your editorial.
   - Vary word choice so that it is vivid and natural.
   - Reveal feelings and thoughts about argument.
5. Follow appropriate mechanic guidelines.
   - Use correct spelling and grammar.

See attached rubric for a detailed breakdown of points.