**Free Thought or Not?**

**English**

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**Step One**

You have five minutes to write about the topic below. Feel free to reflect on it however you wish – there’s no wrong answer. I’d love to see at least one word of the week. Try to get to ½ a page in length or more.

Be prepared to share you insights with the larger group.

Topic: War

**Step Two**

Now comes the hard part. Think about your thoughts on war and tell me what your response says about you! Your maturity, your personality, your interests. This act of “thinking about your own thoughts” is called **metacognition**, and it is a required aspect of the curriculum. Which is why this second response will count as a minor assignment.

As long as you do the following, you’ll earn 4/4.

* give me a 5-7 sentence response
* include a WOW or transition from your list of transitions
* make specific reference to your first answer AND your character/perspectives on the world, war etc.
* write it at a 4+/6 level of expression
* refer to yourself in the third person…if you want