**Your Ant…I mean “You Rant”!**

**English 12**

**January 2016**

**Teachable Moment:**

A week ago (Jan. 21) I typed a reminder into my phone “Go to Stefan’s place to watch Superb owl”. I left it for a day then saw it again. Now it would be kind of cool to think that Mr. Jackson has an owl for a pet, but in reality, I had just committed a spelling error. On February 7 I will be at Mr. Jackson’s to watch the Super Bowl. I’ll be checking out some Broncos and Panthers – no owls.

**Now on to the real assignment….**

I want you to write a two-paragraph rant! I want you to select a topic that you feel strongly about, to ensure that your tone is convincing. Divide your response in the following way since I value the power of purposeful paragraphing – as all literary types do.

a) Paragraph One Set the Scene

- 6-8 sentences

- focus on the background of your topic, maybe discussing it in a bigger context of the world; you don’t have to write in the first person just yet if you choose not to

b) Paragraph Two Why you feel the way you do

- 8-10 sentences

- here’s where you convince me of why you feel the way you do

- give me at least 3-4 reasons and be sure to avoid sounding repetitive or vague

- can you

Pay attention to my exemplar if your not sure of what I am looking for. It’s on the back of this page.

**Outcome Addressed (as identified in engrade.com):**

Students will confidently express their own personal lessons learned, observations made, or emotions felt.

If your response is long enough, personal, and convincing, you’ll earn 4/4. If I am not satisfied, I’ll let you know why and you can resubmit a second attempt for a better assessment…and improvement in your skills.