Create Your Own Modest Proposal

Due: Monday, November 5

Directions: Swift approached the subjects of corruption in England and poverty in Ireland from the point of view of a compassionate humanitarian. Pretend you are a modern social worker, educator, environmentalist, or military advisor to the president. Attack an evil you see in the world by writing an ironic proposal for its solution—a proposal so outrageous that readers will see at once the severity of the problem. Remember that some readers may miss your irony and attack you for insensitivity, just as some people attacked Swift. To lessen this possibility, make your moral outrage clear by the sheer outrageousness of your exaggeration. Try to include at least six sound reasons for your proposal, just as Swift did.

You may do this using Microsoft Publisher or Microsoft Word using a template or you may create a pamphlet on your own. Feel free to use my copy paper, markers, crayons, etc. They are in the cabinet; please return them where they belong.

On the front include some type of image.

Rubric

* Neatness and Creativity: 20 Points
  + Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_
* Use of verbal irony: 20 Points
  + Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_
* Images used to enhance pamphlet: 10 Points
  + Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_
* The student made valid points: 30 Points
  + Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_
* Grammar/Spelling/Mechanics: 10 Points
  + Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points Possible: 100

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