Syria option 1: How to create a Video Rant

**I’m MAD about Syria and I’m NOT going to take it any longer!**

**To RANT** means to complain vigorously, either by writing or speaking up, about something that you find completely and utterly unacceptable. Human beings, being what they are, all have complaints about things we would desperately like to change.

Prepare your rant by writing a script or at least a series of jot-notes. After all, the best and most effective writing is writing that is vivid, forceful, colourful, interesting, memorable, and persuasive.

Consider **topics** from what we have learned about the conflict in Syria, such as the refugee crisis, the use of chemical weapons, the ineffectiveness of international intervention, Canada’s involvement, or other aspects of this topic. . You may prefer to comment on the Syrian crisis overall, but you should still focus on your particular theme as you RANT.

The **PURPOSE** of your rant is to **convince** your audience to agree with your message.

The **AUDIENCE** is the Canadian Public **OR** the Canadian Government (Stephen Harper)

TIPS FOR COMPLETING YOUR TASK:

1. Research this topic – use the notes on your Syria Record sheet, the concept web, and current events online.
2. Organize your thoughts; strive for elegance & style! Write your rant.
3. Record your rant (no more than 2 minutes from beginning to end). Consider finding a friend to help you record your rant (do you need a camera “person”?) Consider using an iPod, iPhone, iPad, the video camera on your computer or laptop, or another recording device available in the school.
4. You are responsible for getting me the RANT files that you record. You can upload it to YouTube if you choose and send me the active link. You can email me the file at bleary@sd35.bc.ca, or send it through my website at [www.socialswithleary.weebly.com](http://www.socialswithleary.weebly.com). You can lend me a memory stick with your RANT on it. You must be able to get the movie to me!
5. Remember: Use the volume, expression, pitch and tone that best help you get your message across. Keep re-doing it until it’s perfect!

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| REQUIREMENTS: Your rant must: * use at least **three (3)** facts (statistics)
* use at least **three (3)** details/examples to support your message
* have a clear and convincing message
* have a clear beginning, middle and end
* be classroom APPROPRIATE
* be 1-2 minutes in length
* be passionate and well-communicated
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