**Week 3 Nonfiction Notes**

**These notes will be used as important pre-writing for your upcoming argument analysis essay on your nonfiction book, which will be assigned when we return from Spring Break. As you read through the remaining half of your book, you will be looking at how your author breaks down his/her topic into the various chapters. This will give you an idea of what the author’s argument might be, which will be the central topic of your essay.**

**Directions:**

* On a Microsoft Word document, make a list of the titles for each chapter in your book. Leave space between the titles of the chapters, since you will be writing something about each chapter.
  + If there are more than 15 chapters, list up to the 15th chapter.
  + If there are fewer than 15 chapters, list all of the chapters in the book.
  + If there are no titles for your chapters, just list the numbers.
* For each of these chapters, write a one-sentence “thesis statement” for that chapter. In other words, what seems to be the main message that the author is trying to get across in this chapter, and HOW is this message accomplished in the chapter? This should be worded as a complete sentence.
  + For example, if you feel like the chapter was mostly informational, see the example below:
    - Chapter 5: *The author describes the various types of grading practices that are often used in high school classrooms in order to provide a clear, objective picture of various grading options.*
  + For example, if you feel like the chapter was mostly narrative, see the example below:
    - Chapter 5: *The author portrays his childhood relationship with his parents as one that was characterized by conflict and trauma, giving readers an idea of the difficult background he came from.*
  + For example, if you feel like the chapter was mostly argumentative, see the example below:
    - Chapter 5: *The author describes in detail the conditions at factory farms in an effort to appeal to readers’ emotions and make them see the harsh way that these animals are treated.*

**Since you should have ¾ of your book finished by this Friday, March 27th, you will be turning in these notes to Google Classroom by the end of the day Monday, March 30th. Please email me with any questions regarding the chapter formatting of your book before the due date so that I can modify the assignment for you as needed.**