**5 Paragraph Essay**

Sample Question: Flex time will be introduced to MRSS next year. Do you think

this is a good addition and if so why or why not?

1st: Create a quick web which helps organize ideas - Pro “For Flex Time”

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| Pros | Cons |
| tutorial | Class full – can’t get in - popular |
| Kids are busy – opportunity to do HW | % don’t use it wisely |
| Passion  |  |
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 Flex Time- Where Art Thou?

 Schools never seem to change or adapt to society. Since the 1700’s when schools became a regular institution, many things have remained the same: desks, rows, textbooks, and the teacher standing in front of the class. Although some variations to this occur today, there has not been any real change until now. ***I believe the addition to a flex-time block starting in September 2016 is a positive and important change.***

 **First of all, flex time would allow for tutorial time. *Students can have way more opportunities to seek out teachers and get support for their learning*.** For example, if I could not solve a problem in math such as a linear equation I can easily discuss this with my math teacher or other students during flex time.

 **Secondly, in today’s society with clubs, teams, and technology, many students are extremely busy. Free time for most of us is hard to find**. ***In fact, in my English class alone roughly 24 out of 29 are up past 10:30 every weekday.*** According to my crazy teacher I have in English, this is a scary and unacceptable number. The importance of sleep is undervalued today.

 **Thirdly and most importantly, flex time allows students to choose and foster any passion they may have. Too often we are told what to do, how to do it, and when to do it.** ***If schools don’t give us opportunities to make decisions how do we mature or become responsible to ourselves? I always have an art project to do but never find the class time to complete it without being rushed.*** Flex-time would give me a minimum of 160 minutes a week to not only meet the expectations but exceed them. You may call me Picasso down the road.

Conclusion

 So the assumption that school does not alter much appears to be changing. We all know that there will always be a percent of students that will take things for granted and not use he flex blocks effectively. However, let’s stop punishing the majority of students that would benefit. This flex-time is a dramatic change. From increased tutorial time, to respecting kids’ busy lives, to fostering and supporting students’ passions this added time is ***a positive and important change.***