***CHILD SOLDIERS (Interim Assessment 80%)***

* YOU WILL WRITE A ***POSITION PAPER*** (THINK OF IT AS A **4-5 PARAGRAPH ARGUMENTATIVE**, BUT WITH **MORE CONTEXT AND FACTUAL INFORMATION, AND A LITTLE LESS COUNTER ARGUMENT**).
* **TOPIC/PROMPT:** ***SHOULD CHILD SOLDIERS BE GRANTED AMNESTY?***
* **Hint/Things to Consider:**
  + - * 4-5 paragraph style
      * ***3rd PERSON***
      * Choose a strong argument
      * Clarify your claim (by having 2-3 main points = 2-3 body paragraphs)
      * Plan a good introduction and conclusion
      * Choose great evidence
        + Can be from our articles or outside research.
      * **PLEASEHAVE A WORKS CITED (AT THE BOTTOM) WITH AT LEAST 2 SOURCES**

**50 PTS. SCORED FOR IDEAS AND CONTENT (FORMATIVE GRADE-20%)**

|  | **Exceeding (9.0-10)** | **Proficient (8.0-8.9)** | **Progressing (7.0-7.9)** | **Emerging (6.0-6.9)** |
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| **Ideas and Content** | **Purpose and main ideas:**  ▪clear, focused, interesting  **Supporting details:**  ▪many strong, rich, specific details explain the main ideas  ▪makes topic interesting  ▪explained in-depth  ▪seem carefully chosen for audience and purpose  **Used 2 outside resources:**  ▪provide strong, accurate, reliable details  **Writer shares new understandings** | **Purpose and main ideas:**  ▪clear, focused, easy to understand  **Supporting details:**  ▪most details are specific and there are enough to develop main ideas  ▪mostly on topic  ▪most are explained  ▪some awareness of audience and purpose  **Outside resources, if used:**  ▪provide accurate details  **Writer may share new understandings** | **Purpose and main ideas:**  ▪understandable, but needs clarification  **Supporting details:**  ▪may be too general to develop the main ideas; may sound like a list  ▪sometimes off topic  ▪may not be explained  ▪limited awareness of audience    **Outside resources, if used:**  ▪provide questionable details | **Purpose and main ideas:**  ▪unclear, difficult to understand  **Supporting details:**  ▪may be lacking  ▪off topic  ▪may not be understandable; may be repetitive  ▪no awareness of audience |

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Period: 4

EXP/INFORMATIONAL POSITION PAPER: AMNESTY FOR CHILD SOLDIERS

Some people may think child soldiers don’t deserve amnesty, but before you listen what anyone thinks, I’m here to tell you why they DO deserve amnesty.  
Ok, they might’ve killed people, but they didn’t really *choose* too. First, they are usually *forced* to either become a child soldier or die. Second, they are usually put on lots of drugs, and basically “brainwashed” so they kill people. Because of how much drugs they are, they can’t really tell wether something is a good decision or not. So, they don’t have enough control over their body to not do it.  
They also go through lots of trauma. They might need some help after, and throwing them in jail won’t give them that help. They may need a counserlor, which will not be found in jail.

Putting them in jail will just be worse for them. AND most of them are 13 or younger, which is another reason to have amesty. It would be differently if they did it INTENTIONALY and knowing they did it and not on drugs, but that’s not the case. Therefore, chid