Read the following articles:

* <http://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/ransomware-europe-russia-ukraine-petya-bitcoin-1.4179683>
* <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/oshawa-hospital-cyberattack-1.4114758>
* <https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/05/13/ontario-health-ministry-on-high-alert-amid-global-cyberattack.html>

Guidelines for writing a supported opinion paragraph (SOP)

* + <http://schools.peelschools.org/sec/fletchersmeadow/studentlife/OSSLTprep/Documents/Sample_%20Writing%20a%20Supported%20opinion%20paragraph.pdf>

**Level 1: Ransomware Basics**

1. What is a ransomware attack?

A ransomware attack is when your computer gets a virus that encrypts the data there so that you can’t use it or understand it and they will hold it for ransom money.

1. How does ransomwhare work and what does it affect?

Ransomware typically spreads via spam or phishing emails. It also can be spread through websites or drive-by downloads to infect an endpoint and penetrate the network.

<https://www.csoonline.com/article/3236183/what-is-ransomware-how-it-works-and-how-to-remove-it.html>

**Level 2: Canada & Other Countries**

1. What was affected in Canada in the articles above?
2. How badly was Canada affected?
3. What other countries were affected?

**Level 3: Attack Details**

1. Where did the attack come from?
2. Why was the attack started?
3. How was the attacked stopped?
4. How could you be affected by a ransomware attack?
5. How can you protect yourself against a ransomwhare attack?