Read the following resources before answering the questions below

* <http://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/emojis-forever-pringle-1.4577456>
* <http://www.cbc.ca/news/emoji-equality-google-1.3698970>

Guidelines for writing a supported opinion paragraph (SOP)

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

Questions

1. List and explain three (3) examples of how "images are becoming the new mode of expression."

* 5 billion emojis were sent
* large part to the increasingly digital nature of how people communicate
* large part of social media

1. List and explain three (3) advantages of using emojis in communication.

* Can express emotions more clearly, some things are hard to explain through typing
* Easier than typing, you can send an emoji with a click of a button
* Wide variety of emojis, to express a wide variety of emotions and things

1. List and explain three (3) disadvantages of using emojis in communication

* Artificializes emotions, emotions are felt deeply, but emojis are just pixels
* Can’t clearly express feelings in real life, if people become too dependent on emojis they won’t be able to communicate how they are feeling
* Less nonverbal cues, people will forget non verbal cues

1. Write a supported opinion paragraph (SOP) that addresses the comment "nothing is more important than how emojis are replacing words.". (for or against)

I am against this because; we live in a digital age. Many people think that us as teenagers aren’t empathetic, and don’t know much about the world, because we stay on our phones. Yet, this generation is also the least racist, homophobic, and discriminatory generation. The generations before us were less empathetic, because our generation isn’t the one with the world wars, slavery, and human rights issues. We are the ones fighting against discrimination. To do all of this, we have to communicate with other people, verbally and digitally. My generation wouldn’t have accomplished what we have if ‘emojis are replacing words’. Generations are going to keep evolving, and we can’t evolve if, problems like these are going to exist. That’s why I am against this.

1. List and explain three (3) examples of how emoji equity affects users.

* Can see themselves in the emojis - can actually feel like it’s them
* Less stereotypes – if there’s only certain races and genders in the emojis it would be stereotyped
* Feel more involved in the community – feel that there are people like them

1. List and explain three (3) examples of how emoji equity is being addressed by companies such as Google.

* skin colour – different races of all emojis
* females – female emojis
* jobs – some jobs were not displayed before but now they are

1. Write a supported opinion paragraph (SOP) that addresses the twitter comment   
   “isn't there more serious issues to focus on in regards to women than emojis?” (for or against)

Yes, there are more important issues to focus on in regards to women in emojis, but that does not mean we do not address any issue with women in emojis. Not everyone is going to accept big changes in the law or how we perceive women, overnight, but by gradually showing that women do exist as normal human beings is a start. With that start, people will begin to notice that women do deserve rights, and we would be able to easier address the major issues regarding women, but big movements always start with small things. Therefore, I do believe that there are more serious issues to focus on in regards to women than emojis, but to address them, we have to show that women are apart of our society.