**Baseline Synthesis Essay**

**The Prompt:**

**Agree or Disagree: The government is justified in monitoring the private lives of its citizens.**

**The Task**

* In a well-developed essay use at least **TWO of the articles** provided to support your stance on the above prompt. The articles are posted on my class website (e1h.weebly.com)in the *Ender’s Game* tab.
* It is important that your argument be **clear and decisive** and that you use at least TWO of the articles provided.
* Your goal for this assignment is to defend your claim, while showing that you have read and analyzed the articles.

**The Steps**

1. Read **all** the articles provided (located in *Ender’s Game* folder on our class website).
2. Determine your position on this question after reading the articles.
3. Outline your argument using the organizer provided. Prepare textual support from at least TWO texts to defend your claim/thesis.
4. Write your essay.
5. Revise your essay.
6. Post your final draft on Turn It In—make sure you get a digital receipt.
7. Print a copy of your essay to turn in.

**Formatting Requirements: double spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins**