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### **Talking Tachlis**

(Tachlis: the heart of the matter)

On November 22, 2022, former president Donald J. Trump hosted a Thanksgiving get-together with some of his celebrity friends (Nick Fuentes and Kanye West). What may have seemed like an innocent gathering, slowly turned into a terrifying movement. Trump claimed that he didn't know both his party guests were white supremacists and Holocaust deniers, but it's terrifying to see one of the most influential people in the U.S. dine with those who don't believe in the worst crime in history. Antisemitism has plagued the world for centuries, and it continues to rear its ugly head in the modern era

We are seeing a dangerous trend of anti-Semitic content being shared online through social media and pop culture. For example, the rapper Kanye West caused controversy when he tweeted anti-Semitic conspiracy theories and opinions about the Jewish community. "I'm a bit sleepy tonight but when I wake up I'm going death con 3 On JEWISH PEOPLE. You guys have toyed with me and tried to black ball anyone whoever opposes your agenda." This type of content is particularly concerning given West's large following on social media.

There have been numerous cases where individuals have been radicalized online by anti-Semitic content, leading to physical attacks, vandalism of Jewish-owned businesses and property, and even mass shootings. Social media content is often disguised as legitimate criticism

of Israeli policies or political views, but it usually includes overtly anti-Semitic tropes and imagery.

In addition to online hate speech, we also see the rise of white nationalist and far-right movements promoting anti-Semitic conspiracy theories. For instance, in the United States, there has been a sharp increase in hate crimes against Jews, particularly in the wake of the 2017 "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. White nationalists at the rally chanted anti-Semitic slogans and carried Nazi flags, causing widespread outrage.

To combat the various forms of modern antisemitism, a multifaceted approach is required. Firstly, education is critical – educating individuals about the dangers of antisemitism and the importance of tolerance and diversity is essential in preventing anti-Semitic attitudes from developing. “A nationwide survey released Wednesday shows a "worrying lack of basic

Holocaust knowledge" among adults under 40, including over 1 in 10 respondents who did not recall ever having heard the word "Holocaust" before.” Schools and universities should teach the history of anti-Semitism and its impact on Jewish communities around the world. This will help students understand the gravity of the issue and develop empathy and respect for all people regardless of their religion or ethnicity. There are only 20 states in the U.S. that actually require the Holocaust to be taught. Only 20. Without this basic knowledge, people get away with assumptions and prejudices against Jewish people. Individuals need to speak out against antisemitism wherever it is encountered. This can include reporting hate speech and discriminatory behavior to authorities, supporting Jewish-owned businesses, and attending protests and rallies against anti-Semitism. By standing up to hate in all its forms, we can create a society that is intolerant of discrimination and prejudice.

In conclusion, the manifestations of contemporary antisemitism are troubling and require urgent attention. By understanding these forms of hostility towards Jews and working towards solutions to combat them, we can create a more just and tolerant world.

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**Documentary Research Paper Rubric**

*Levels correspond to point values for each category.*

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Informed Angle	No angle apparent. Piece is lacking information and/or information is inaccurate and irrelevant.	The angle needs to be clearer. Piece provides basic information, some of which may be incorrect and/or irrelevant. Writer does not adequately establish context for their argument by presenting what others are saying about the issue.	The angle is clear but could be more compelling (it may be too obvious to evoke much interest). Based on complete, accurate, and relevant information. Writer establishes some context for their argument early in the paper, but could be more thorough in presenting what others are saying about the issue.	The angle is clear and compelling, based on complete, accurate, and relevant information. Writer establishes thorough context for their argument early in the paper by establishing what others are saying about the issue.

<p>Development</p>	<p>Demonstrates little understanding of the topic.</p> <p>Ideas are not expressed clearly or supported by anecdotes, examples, reasons, details, and explanations.No interpretation and analysis of the material.</p>	<p>Demonstrates some understanding of the topic, but with limited analysis and reflection.</p> <p>Ideas are not expressed clearly, and anecdotes, examples, quotes, reasons, details, and explanations are lacking.</p>	<p>Demonstrates a general understanding of the topic.</p> <p>Ideas are generally expressed clearly through adequate use of anecdotes, examples, quotes, reasons, details, explanations.</p>	<p>Sustains in-depth understanding and insight into the issue under discussion through careful analysis and reflection.</p> <p>Ideas are developed and expressed fully and clearly, using many appropriate anecdotes, examples, quotes, reasons, details, explanations.</p>
<p>Organization</p>	<p>The written sections lack organizational devices, such as paragraphs, sections, and transitions.</p>	<p>Organizational devices, such as paragraphs, sections, and transitions are flawed or lacking.</p>	<p>There are some problems with organizational devices, such as paragraphs, sections, and transitions.</p>	<p>Organizational devices, such as paragraphs, sections, and transitions have been used effectively.</p>
<p>Style</p>	<p>No literary devices or significant details are used. Paper may read like an obituary or a Wikipedia page. Vocabulary is overly simplistic or vague, with no</p>	<p>Language is fairly plain, with some specific details about the subject, but more/varied details and literary devices needed. The subject's story seems incomplete or the text reads too much like a</p>	<p>Obvious thought has been put into the use of diction, imagery and detail to portray the subject creatively, although the visual metaphor needs to be more clearly developed to communicate writer's angle.</p>	<p>Obvious thought has been put into the use of diction, imagery and detail. Visual metaphor is well developed, communicating the writer's angle. Overall, narrative and stylistic choices give the paper a fresh and original</p>

	attention to purpose/audience .	dry research paper. No visual metaphor present. Vocabulary may reflect a couple instances of specificity or sophistication, but it largely lacks attention to purpose/audience.	Vocabulary occasionally reflects attention to specificity and sophistication, although it could be improved in consideration to purpose/audience.	creative texture rather than a dry research paper. Vocabulary reaches a level of specificity and sophistication that is appropriate for the purpose and audience of this article.
Research and MLA Format	Writer doesn't use interview transcripts and/or there is no indication of secondary research. No indication of research-backed questioning. In-text citations and works cited page are missing.	Writer makes limited use of interview transcripts and secondary sources, or relies solely on the "star" interview transcript. Interview testimony prompted by research-based questions is vague. Not a clear sense of an informed angle, although a view of the subject's character is certainly present. In-text citations and works cited page exist, but they contain many errors or inconsistencies.	Writer makes satisfactory use of the required interview transcripts and secondary sources, although some interview testimony or secondary source material may be either overused or too limited. Interview testimony prompted by research-based questions is apparent, but could create a clearer sense of an informed angle. In-text citations and works cited page are close to MLA standards, but there are some errors.	Writer makes intelligent use of the required interview transcripts and secondary sources. Effective use of interview testimony prompted by research-based questions gives the reader a clear sense of an informed angle. In-text citations and works cited page are perfect by MLA standards.
Mechanics	Writing is obscured by	Writing contains some errors that affect the	Writing contains a few errors, but not at the	Writing is polished, free of spelling, grammar, and

	spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors.	reader's understanding.	expense of understanding.	punctuation errors.
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