

Homework Assignment - Due January 22, 2016

According to legend on February 2<sup>nd</sup> or Groundhog's Day if the groundhog sees his shadow we will have six more weeks of winter and if he does not see his shadow we will have an early spring. You are going to write an essay about why people should or should not believe the weather prediction of a groundhog on Groundhog's Day. Plan your essay by writing down your ideas in the boxes below on this paper. Then write your essay on the lines on the back of this paper. You should have at least seven sentences in your essay.

You may have help with this assignment. This assignment is to be turned in no later than Friday. Please make sure your essay has the following items:

\_\_\_ Begins with a main idea sentence stating your opinion about why people should believe or should not believe the weather prediction of a groundhog on Groundhog's Day.

\_\_\_ Gives at least three reasons to support your opinion.

\_\_\_ Uses linking words to connect your opinion and reasons.

\_\_\_ Has 7 or more sentences.

\_\_\_ Has a concluding or summary sentence.

\_\_\_ Has the correct beginning and ending on each sentence.

\_\_\_ There are five or more words in most of the sentences.

\_\_\_ All the words are spelled correctly.

Title
Main idea sentence with opinion
Three or more reasons to support opinion
A conclusion or summary

