Assignment 1

Answer the following question in a two- to four-page essay:

Sir Thomas More described a country in which all inhabitants worked together to benefit the greater society. The Bill of Rights of the United States was crafted primarily to preserve individual freedoms.

Using your completed Venn diagram as a guide, write a comparative analysis of the fictionalized government of More's utopia and the government of the United States. Take a position on which government would be more conducive to a productive society.

Assignment 2

Choose ONE of the following topics and write a brief monologue in the voice of the character. Your spoken monologue should be approximately one minute in length. Be prepared to perform the monologue for the class.

- You are a woman who is about to be married into a new family in More's utopia. You are spending your last night with your own family. Talk about your feelings as you pack your belongings to leave.

- You are a father in a family with many children. Your city is approaching the maximum population of 6,000. The Utopian authorities have informed you that you must relinquish your newborn baby to a childless family in another city. You are wondering aloud about how you will tell your wife about this situation.

- You are the Prince of Utopia. A neighboring country, friendly to Utopia is being threatened with invasion, and it has requested your assistance in war. The magistrates do not want to support the war, but you feel it is just. Try to convince the council to support the war, using arguments that echo the Utopian philosophy about war.

- You are a Utopian slave. You were sentenced to this punishment after you were twice caught traveling without a passport. Tell the story of how you fell into slavery.