**Part II: Essays.**

For each of the four topics listed below, write a formal essay that includes an introduction, body and conclusion. Each essay for this section must include **between 400-500 words.**

1. What were some key historic events in the U.S. quest of civil rights for disadvantaged groups, especially women and racial minorities?  How has the ideal of equality evolved in the U.S. and where does it stand today in areas like the political and economic status of women and minority groups? In addition to key events, cite at least **three** legal milestone to illustrate your points.
2. Describe the powers of the President defined in the Constitution and explain how these powers have expanded throughout U.S. history to create the modern presidency.
3. Explain the differences between “judicial activism” and “judicial restraint.” What part does each play in assuring fairness and equality under the law?
4. Several roles have been associated with the press and media: the “watchdog,” “signaler,” “common carrier,” and “public representative” roles. Define and describe each of these roles in journalism.