**Class Copy**

**Letter to Congressman Tom Harkin**

Over the last two weeks we have been learning about the country of Myanmar and the problems that it faces. As an American citizen your country has signed on to the Declaration of Human Rights and it’s your responsibility to make sure that we help the people of Myanmar enjoy these rights.

**Directions:** You have two days to write a letter to Iowa Congressman Tom Harkin. One day 1 you will write a rough draft. On day 2 you will peer edit each other’s letters and turn in a final copy to be mailed.

In your letter you need to include/mention the following points.

 1. Introduce who you are, your school, and what you’re studying.

 2. Include a description of Myanmar and its history.

 3. List the problems the people of Myanmar are enduring.

 4. Relate the problems to Human Declaration of Human Rights.

 5. Use Maya Angelou’s poem “Brave and Startling Truth” to reinforce your argument.

 6. What you want the senator to do about it?

**Set Up**

 May \_\_\_ 2013

Senator Harkin,

(Skip line)

Indent🡪My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I’m a 7th Grader at Callanan Middle School in Des Moines Iowa. Over the last two weeks we have been studying…..

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 Sincerely,

 (First and last name)

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| **Green – Advanced** | **Blue – Proficient (at grade level)** | **Yellow – Close to Proficient** | **Orange – Far from Proficient** | **Red- Below Expectations** |
| Student’s letter to the senator shows mastery of the material above grade level. | Student’s letter to the senator shows mastery of the material at grade level. | Student’s letter to the senator shows partial mastery of grade level material. | Students can’t finish the assignment without extensive help from the teacher. | Student attempts letter but does not turn it because the assignment is to difficult. |