Should Batman kill the Joker? Why or why not? – This is a symbolic question designed to prompt healthy debate around how we can use reason to define the concepts of ethics and morality (what is right and what is wrong) in our society. In the space provided below, compose a well-written 3 paragraph essay in which you argue the philosophical, ethical, and moral merits and implications of superheroes executing, or not executing, the dangerous and deviant criminals they encounter in their respective adventures. Use your understanding of Kant’s ***Categorical Imperative*** contrasted with the philosophy of ***Utilitarianism*** to support your arguments. Include at least three pieces of evidence in your essay to support your thesis statement, as well as a counter-claim in which you address at least one of the concerns of the opposing argument. Be sure to write academically, rather than personally, and avoid personal pronouns such as *I, me, we, us, you, our*, etc. as well as interrogative sentences (sentences that ask a question and end with a ?).

Is Thanos morally justified in wiping out half of all life in the universe? Should Thanos snap his gauntleted fingers? – This is a symbolic questions designed to prompt healthy debate around how we can use reason to define the concepts of ethics and morality (what is right and what is wrong) in our society. In the space provided below, compose a well-written 3 paragraph essay in which you argue the philosophical, ethical, and moral merits and implications of Thanos exterminating 50% of all life in the universe in order to save the universe from overpopulation. Use your understanding of Kant’s ***Categorical*** ***Imperative*** contrasted with the philosophy of ***Utilitarianism*** to support your arguments. Include at least two pieces of evidence in your essay to support your thesis statement, as well as a counter-claim in which you address at least one of the concerns of the opposing argument. Be sure to write academically, rather than personally, and avoid using personal pronouns such as *I*, *me*, *we*, *us*, *you*, *our*, etc. as well as interrogative sentences (sentences that ask a question and end with a ?).