**How To Write Your Own Modest Proposal**

* 1. **Paragraph 1:** A clear first paragraph that contains an **indelible image** of your societal problem. (Swift’s image in his first paragraph is that of the mother with six children dressed in rags begging for alms. Try to include an image of your problem that elicits the readers’ sympathies in a similar way.)
  2. **Paragraph 2:** A paragraph description of your **shocking solution**. (This is like the paragraph in which Swift talks “delicious and nourishing” babies.)
  3. **Paragraph 3:** A list of **six clearly labeled “logical reasons”** for why your solution would work. (Label your sentences “firstly,” “secondly,” “thirdly,” as Swift does.)
  4. **Paragraph 4:** An **italicized** paragraph describing your response to the **opposition’s argument**. (Note Swift’s italicized paragraphs for guidance on this.)
  5. **Paragraph 5:** **Conclusion.**

**Potential Topics**

Overpopulation

Gang violence

Approaching asteroids

Global warming

Drunken activities

Football hooligans

Racism

Homework

Immigration

Freedom of speech

Extinction