**The Battle for Northern Syria – a Virtual Experience**

Terms to know:

* **Bashar Al Asad**: Dictator leader of Syria known for crimes against his citizens
* **Dictator**: person with absolute (total) power over the people whether they like it or not.
* **Rebel**:person who fights against their government because they believe their government needs to be overthrown.
* **Siege**:When an army is able to enter the defenses of another group and overtake it.
* **Al-Nusra**: Islamic extremist group also fighting Al Asad attempting to take control of areas of Syria to create a strict Islamist state.

**Choose 3 of the following 6 questions to respond to the video**

1. Why would a countries citizens feel it is necessary to overthrow their government?
2. If the rebels are fighting to overthrow Bashar Al Asad why would people be afraid of them?
3. Why would the Civilian Defense be risking their lives to help citizens return to the city?
4. If Al Asads soldiers were hiding in a hospital why would the rebels destroy the hospital in order to get them? What does that tell you about them?
5. Why would Al-Nusra also be fighting Al-Asad but not be allied with the rebels?
6. Why do you think 10% of the people have stayed in the city?