*Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will*

*stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb.*

~Winston Churchill, “Painting as a Pastime,” *Thoughts and Adventures*

Prompt: Discuss what makes a task difficult *and* take a position on the value of attempting difficult tasks, particularly when there is a possibility that “you will never get to the end.” Support your position with evidence.

1. What does the prompt ask you to do?
2. What metaphor might you use to produce the image of “a difficult task” in the mind of your reader (write out the metaphor):
3. Begin with a counter-argument sentence frame that is the opposite of your feelings on the prompt, and finish this sentence:

“Although some might argue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Finish this sentence frame:

“In my opinion, a difficult task is defined by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Provide some commentary on the merits OR the uselessness of Churchill’s comments as it relates to a novice who is attempting to paint:

6. Finish the sentence frame: Unachievable difficult tasks (circle one) provide **endless frustration** / **deeper meaning and understanding** about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Provide a GOPHER from personal experience that makes the sentence frame true *and* commentary about why the personal experience GOPHER is appropriate.

7. Finish the sentence frame: Some will argue that a difficult task (circle one) **only prevents progress / teaches you something about the process of trying**, however

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Present a GOPHER from History or Readings that makes the counter-argument viable:

Provide a GOPHER from anything relevant that makes the counter-argument weaker than your argument *and* provide relevant commentary that makes your argument true:

Provide a statement you to believe to be universally applicable about a difficult task: