



Cincinnati Central School District

SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS

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PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT CIVICS POLICY PAPER RUBRIC

Name: _____

Section	Category	10-9 Points	8-6 Points	5-0 Points
I	Thesis Statement (Introductory Paragraph/ Problem introduction) Score ____/10	Problem is clearly defined in a well written thesis statement (Any data, information, etc. is properly cited.)	Problem lacks some clarity or thesis statement is not well written (Data, information, etc. is NOT properly cited.)	Problem is unclear or thesis statement is poor (Data, information, etc. missing proper citation.)
II	Describe the History of the Problem (Background up to the modern day.) Score ____/10	Presents relevant data, testimony, interviews, stories and/or articles that prove the problem has existed in our society.	Presents some relevant data, testimony, interviews, stories and/or articles that prove the problem has existed in our society.	Does not present relevant data, testimony, interviews, stories and/or articles that prove the problem has existed in our society.
	Describe the Problem in our Current Society Score ____/10	Uses relevant evidence such as statistics, charts/graphs, facts, personal narratives/interviews, etc. that the problem exists in our current society .	Uses some evidence such as statistics, charts/graphs, facts, personal narratives/interviews, etc. that the problem exists in our current society .	Does not use relevant evidence such as statistics, charts/graphs, facts, personal narratives/interviews, etc. that the problem exists in our current society .
III	Describes Current Policies related to this problem. (POLICY #1 OF 2) Score ____/10	Presents relevant information, data, etc. which current policies are effective/working OR ineffective/not working to help the problem.	Presents some information, data, etc. which current policies are effective/working OR ineffective/not working to help the problem.	Does not present any information, data, etc. which current policies are effective/working OR ineffective/not working to help the problem.
	Describes Current Policies related to this problem. (POLICY #2 OF 2) Score ____/10	Presents relevant information, data, etc. which current policies are effective/working OR ineffective/not working to help the problem.	Presents some information, data, etc. which current policies are effective/working OR ineffective/not working to help the problem.	Does not present any information, data, etc. which current policies are effective/working OR ineffective/not working to help the problem.

IV	Develop Policy Alternatives/Actions Score ____/10	Develops/presents detailed suggestions to change the law (or make a new law) to fix the problem.	Develops/presents suggestions to change the law (or make a new law) to fix the problem.	Does not develop/present suggestions to change the law (or make a new law) to fix the problem.
V	Conclusion Score ____/5	Well written conclusion that supports introduction	Conclusion is weak or doesn't support the introduction	Conclusion is not well written or missing
VI	Accuracy of facts Score ____/5	All facts, data, etc. are well selected, relevant to the topic, and historically accurate	Most facts, data, etc. are well selected, relevant to the topic, and historically accurate	Facts, data, etc. are not well selected, irrelevant to the topic, and historically accurate
	Style ("Flow"); Organization; Length Score ____/10	5 FULL PAGES MINIMUM No typing errors Correct order/format Logically organized by date or topic Times New Roman Size 12 font, double spaced, 1 inch-margins	4 FULL pages or more Some typing errors Correct order/format Lacking organization by date or topic Some Errors in Basic Requirements	Less than 4 FULL pages Typing errors Lacks order/format errors Little organization Does not really follow Basic Requirements
	Mechanics (Grammar & Citations) Score ____/10	Spelling/grammar are correct proper parenthetical form on all in-text citations Cites ALL data, etc. that is not their own personal information	Some spelling & grammar errors such as run-on-sentences & fragments Incorrect/missing parenthetical in-text citations	Many spelling and grammar errors such as run-on-sentences & fragments No parenthetical references/missing most of them/incorrectly done
VII	Sources Works Cited Page Score ____/10	Minimum of 5 sources that follow\ correct MLA style on the works cited page; includes a variety of sources (book, journal, research, etc.)	Less than 5 sources little variety in sources errors in MLA style	Less than 5 sources Only 1 type of source does not follow correct MLA style

Total Score _____/100