Lesson Plan: The Great Debate

Name: ____________________

**Famous Supreme Court Cases**


2. Click on Landmark cases and find your highlighted case below:
   - First Amendment- Tinker
   - First Amendment- Edwards
   - First Amendment- Hazelwood
   - Fourth Amendment- T.L.O.
   - Fourth Amendment- Vernonia
   - Fourteenth Amendment-Brown

3. Watch the cartoon (you may have to wait at some parts to click next)

4. What is your video about?
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

5. Do you agree with the video and why do you feel that way?
   __________________________________________________________________________
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**Persuasive Essay Score Sheet**

**Opening Paragraph (1st paragraph)**

1. **Does it have an attention grabbing sentence(s) in the beginning of the essay?**

   - Yes, (4 pts)
   - No (0 pts)
   - It does, but it doesn’t match the topic (2 pts)

2. **Is there a sentence that lists the position and three reasons to support the position?**

   - Yes (4 pts)
   - No (0 pts)
   - It lists the position, but not three reasons (2 pts).
   - It lists the reasons, but not a position (2 pts).

**Body Paragraphs (2nd, 3rd, and 4th paragraphs)**

3. **Do the body paragraphs match the reasons in the thesis statement?**

   - Yes (4 pts)
   - No (0 pts)
   - Some of them do (2 pts)

4. **Are there at least 3 facts or examples that support each of the 3 reasons?**

   - Yes (4 pts)
   - No (0 pts)
There are less than 3 facts or examples that support each of the 3 reasons (2 pts)

5. Are the facts and examples explaining each reason in detail?
   ____ Always (4 pts)
   ____ Never (0 pts)
   ____ Sometimes (2 pts)

6. Are there transition words (first, next, last, finally) that start each of the body paragraphs?
   ____ Yes (4 pts)
   ____ No (0 pts)
   ____ Some, but not all of the body paragraphs (2 pts)

Closing Paragraph (5th paragraph)
7. Is there a counterargument answering the problems with the other side?
   ____ Yes (4 pts)
   ____ No (0 pts)
   ____ Yes, but it is not good or doesn’t make sense (2 pts)

8. Does it have the position of the essay again?
   ____ Yes (4 pts)
   ____ No (0 pts)
9. **Does it have a catchy ending?**

   ____ Yes (4 pts)
   ____ No (0 pts)
   ____ It has an ending, but it is boring (2 pts)

**Grammar, Capitalization, Punctuation, Indentation, Word choice, Sentence Structure, and Spelling**

10. **Are there fragment sentences (Example-When we went)?**

    ____ None (4 pts)
    ____ 1 to 2 fragments (2 pts)
    ____ More than 2 (1 pts)

11. **Does each sentence start with a capital letter?**

    ____ Always (4 pts)
    ____ Never (0 pts)
    ____ Sometimes (2 pts)

12. **Do the names of places and people start with a capital letter?**

    ____ Always (4 pts)
    ____ Never (0 pts)
    ____ Sometimes (2 pts)
13. Is “I” capitalized?

_____ Always (4 pts)
_____ Never (0 pts)
_____ Sometimes (2 pts)

14. Does each sentence end with a period or question mark?

_____ Always (4 pts)
_____ Never (0 pts)
_____ Sometimes (2 pts)

15. Are there commas at the appropriate places (in a list, dates, after fragments, and after transition words)?

_____ Always (4 pts)
_____ Never (0 pts)
_____ Sometimes (2 pts)

16. Is each paragraph indented?

_____ Yes (4 pts)
_____ No (0 pts)
_____ Sometimes (2 pts)
17. Are there complex and compound sentences (sentences using and, or, but/ sentences using because, since, and when)?

____ Always (4 pts)

____ Never (0 pts)

____ Sometimes (2 pts)

18. Do all of the sentences start with the same word?

____ Never (4 pts)

____ Sometimes (2 pts)

____ Always (0 pts)

19. Does the essay have persuasive words throughout the essay (interesting, magnificent, shocking, popular)?

____ Yes (4 pts)

____ No (0 pts)

____ Some, but needs more (2 pts)

20. Are there spelling errors?

____ 0-1 (4 pts)

____ 2-3 (3 pts)

____ 4-5 (2 pts)
More than 5 (1 pt)

Total points

Divide total points by 80

Percent and grade
Name: ____________________

**Persuasive Essay Outline**

**Circle your topic:**

1. Should women be allowed to play on men's sport teams?
2. Should James Foster have a dress code?
3. If we had a school newspaper written by students, should they be able to print any article they want?
4. Should Foster have surveillance cameras?
5. Should girls and boys have their own separate schools?

**2. Body Paragraph**

First of all, __________________________________________________________(write 1st reason).

____________________________________________________________________ (Example or fact).

____________________________________________________________________ (Example or fact).

____________________________________________________________________ (Example or fact).

**3. Body Paragraph**

Next, _____________________________________________ ___________________(write 2nd reason).

____________________________________________________________________(Example or fact).

____________________________________________________________________ (Example or fact).

____________________________________________________________________ (Example or fact).

**4. Body Paragraph**

Finally, ______________________________________________________________(write 3rd reason).

_____________________________________________________________________ (Example or fact).

_____________________________________________________________________ (Example or fact).
(Example or fact).

1. Opening Paragraph

____________________________________________________________________ (attention grabbing sentence).

I think that ____________________________________ (position) because ____________________

(first reason-see above #2), ___________________________ (second reason-see above #3), and

_____________________ (third reason-see above #4).

5. Closing paragraph

____________________________________________________________________ (counterargument).

____________________________________________________________________ (rewrite position).

____________________________________________________________________ (catchy ending).