



Lesson Plan: The Great Debate

Name: _____

Famous Supreme Court Cases

1. Go to <http://www.courtsed.org/courts-in-the-classroom>

2. Click on Landmark cases and find your highlighted case below:

- First Amendment- Tinker
- First Amendment- Edwards
- First Amendment- Hazelwood
- Fourth Amendment- T.I.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 a 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)



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____ More than 5 (1 pt)

_____ **Total points**

_____ **Divide total points by 80**

_____ **Percent and grade**



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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).



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_____ (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).