

Victory Christian School

High School CIVICS Report Outline

Instructions: Choose a position you wish to defend in a current event topic. Suggested publications to glean topics from include "God's World" magazine, the daily newspaper or other periodicals.

Purpose: To teach student to defend a position or point of view in a single, well-written paragraph. It is sometimes challenging to choose a position with which you disagree and defend it to the best of your ability. The point of this exercise is not necessarily to agree, but to practice the art of persuasion. This is often done on debating teams; also attorneys use this technique quite often.

Topic: Topic must be clearly defensible from both sides of the issue. Topic should be stated in a "should / should not" type of statement. For example: "Parents should / should not be allowed to teach their children at home."

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Outline:

1. Write the topic sentence.
2. Write 4 supporting reasons.
3. Write a concluding sentence.

Write:

1. Indent first sentence, which is the topic sentence.
2. Write the 3 best reasons in logical order, adding details, etc. for further clarification. Use transition words, such as, "first," "also," "in addition," and so on.
3. Write a concluding sentence. (optional)
4. Proof read, correct, rewrite if needed, submit final copy.