



## U.S. Government

Unit II Honors Essay

Name:

Section:

Score: \_\_\_\_/15

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Directions: Take a stance and defend your stance in a formal five paragraph essay. You may need to do additional research about the topic so please cite your sources. You will be arguing for a new amendment in a professional and fact supported manner. Keep in mind your amendment can not violate the structure of the constitution.

**Prompt:** Should the government be allowed to suspend the constitution in times of national disaster such as war or economic collapse?

Directions: Use the following basic structure to help you outline the basic formation of your essay

Thesis Statement:

Planning Outline:

Body Paragraph 1 Topic:

Reasoning –

Supporting Evidence -

Supporting Evidence -

Body Paragraph 2 Topic:

Reasoning –

Support Evidence -

Supporting Evidence -

Body Paragraph 3 Topic:

Reasoning –

Support Evidence -

## Supporting Evidence -

Restate Thesis:

### Grading Rubric

#### Requirements

- 5 paragraphs
- Quotations no more than a sentence
- Works cited
  - No Wikipedia
  - End notes
    - o Citations in text
- Free of Plagiarism

#### Grading

- Mechanics \_\_\_\_\_/2
  - Mostly free of grammatical errors
- Works Cited \_\_\_\_\_/2
  - At least one outside source used
  - Footnotes with reference in paper
  - MLA Format (easybib.com)
- Organization \_\_\_\_\_/2
  - 5 clear paragraphs
- Thesis Statement \_\_\_\_\_/3
  - Clearly states what you are going to argue and how
- Body Paragraphs \_\_\_\_\_/6
  - Clearly make argument
  - Support arguments with facts

#### Organization

- Paragraph One (Intro)
  - Brief background
  - Thesis Statement
- Paragraph Two (Body 1)
  - Main argument one
  - + Supported with Evidence and reasoning
- Paragraph Three (Body 2)
  - Main argument two
  - + Supported with Evidence and reasoning
- Paragraph Four (Body 3)
  - Main Argument three
  - + Supported with Evidence and reasoning
- Paragraph Five (Conclusion)
  - Restate Thesis
  - Summarize Main points
  - Lasting thoughts