



## U.S. Government

Unit IV 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 the value of civic involvement and its importance to the political process.

**Prompt:** What is the value of being politically active as a citizen, or resident, of the United States?

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