

Assignment Sheet

Week of March 11th

Name _____

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Science	Simple Machines Work on Projects Open House Portfolio Mouse Trap Car Medal Ceremony	Simple Machines Work on Projects Day 2 Open House Portfolio	Simple Machines Work on Projects Model Open House Portfolio	Simple Machines Review & Presentations Pulley, Lever, Wheel & Axle Screw, Wedge, & Inclined Plane	Simple Machines Presentations Projects Due Forces in Fluids 11.3 Pascal's Principal p.432-436
	Language Arts	Read 30 Min Position Paper ELA Notebook Check Assignment Gathering Evidence 4 Sources	Read 30 Min Position Paper Thesis Statement Day 1	Read 30 Min Position Paper Thesis Statement Day 2	Read 30 Min Position Paper Flash Draft Position Paper
Social Studies		Jefferson Era 9.3 Unity & Sectionalism p. 342-351 Inquiry Journal Skip for 9.3	Current Events Socialist & Communist Countries vs. Capitalistic & Democratic Countries	Current Events Russia China vs Taiwan S Korea vs N Korea E vs W Germany Cuba Venezuela Cambodia	Jefferson Era Ch. 9 Analysis Skills & Assessments p. 358-360

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HOW TO WRITE A POSITION PAPER

Rehearsal	<p>Study both sides of a topic that interest you. Gather, sort and Rank Evidence. Based on your evidence choose the position that has the most compelling evidence. Take a position and write your Thesis.</p> <p>Rethink your position, then defend it using reasoning and evidence</p> <p>Choose your strongest argument and plan how to argue it. Then plan the introduction, conclusion, and the evidence. (weigh and rank it)</p>
Drafting	<p>Write an introduction that's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic (be choosy) • Fair (consider both sides) • Unique (Your ideas) <p>Angle your evidence - explain it fully, showing how it support the point you want to make</p> <p>Choose words deliberately to set the desired tone and support your ideas.</p> <p>Write a great conclusion Restate claim and its significance, offer insights or connections, suggest future thinking/actions)</p>
Revision	<p>Acknowledge the strengths & limitations of your position. Qualify the conditions under which your argument holds true.</p> <p>Reconsider if your evidence is the most relevant, significant and convincing. Then fully explain how it is pertinent to your claim.</p> <p>Attend to craft such as layering details, using figurative language, making allusions.</p> <p>Research opposing viewpoints. Be fair to alternate points of view.</p> <p>Envision structural choices as sweeping revision. Map your intentions</p>

POSITION PAPER ESSAY STRUCTURE

Intro	<p>Define the debate</p> <p>Some think... but others believe... or An issue that is hotly debate is....</p> <p>Make a clear claim</p> <p>it's clear that overall... If one had to choose, then... Research shows, however, that...</p> <p>Forecast your reasons (Thesis Statement)</p> <p>_____ because (reason1), because (reason 2), and because (reason 3)</p>
Body Paragraph 1	<p>Reason 1</p> <p>One reason that... is that... Evidence a, b, c For example... (evidence a) Also... (evidence b) In addition (evidence c)</p>
Body Paragraph 2	<p>Reason 2</p> <p>A second reason that... is that... Evidence a, b, c For example... (evidence a) Also... (evidence b) In addition (evidence c)</p>
Body Paragraph 3	<p>Reason 3</p> <p>The final reason that... is that... Evidence a, b, c For example... (evidence a) Also... (evidence b) In addition (evidence c)</p>
Rebuttal	<p>Address possible counter arguments from the opposing side. Respect the other side of the argument and politely infer why you are right</p>
Conclusion	<p>Acknowledge the sides, and restate or redefined the claim</p>