

Assignment Sheet

Week of March 18th

Name _____

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Science	Simple Machines Work on Projects Open House Portfolio Mouse Trap Car Medal Ceremony	Forces in Fluids 11.3 Pascal's Principal p.432-436 Assessment p. 436 Science Behind Mouse Trap Cars Presentation	Simple Machines Work on Projects Model Open House Portfolio	Simple Machines Simple Machines Presentations Pulley, Lever, Wheel & Axle Screw, Wedge, & Inclined Plane Open House	Forces in Fluids 11.4 Bernoulli's Principle p.437-441 Assessment p. 441 Minimum Day
Language Arts	Read 30 Min Position Paper ELA Notebook Check Assignment Gathering Evidence 4 Sources	Read 30 Min Position Paper Flash Draft Position Paper	Read 30 Min Position Paper Open House Portfolio Dynamic Character Story	Read 30 Min Position Paper Open House Preparation	Read 30 Min Position Paper Revise Flash Draft Review Creating Dynamic Characters
Social Studies	Jefferson Era Open House Portfolio	Jefferson Era Ch. 9 Test Review	Jefferson Era Ch. 9 Test	Dystopian Systems of Government SS Project	Science Olympiad Introduction to Egg Drop

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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 supports 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...</p> <p>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...</p> <p>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...</p> <p>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 both sides, and restate or redefined the claim</p>