

Position Paper Outline

I. Background, position, thesis

- write a lead-in/ hook/interesting statement
- write background on the question or the article
- restate the EQ and answer it- this is your thesis- take a clear position in the thesis

II. Support your position/thesis with a fact or quote

III. State the other side, support with a quote.

- Make a sandwich of the quote that supports the other side

IV. Connect to a principle of the US Constitution, economics or historical document

- Clearly/ obviously connect the EQ with a principle of the Constitution, historical document, or principle economics
- Make a sandwich of the quote that connects to the constitutional principle.

V. Clearly restate your position and the significance of the issue as a conclusion

- Restate your position
- State the significance of the EQ
- "A call to action"

The Position Paper Yes Test

"Yes" or "No"?

1. ____ Takes a clear position in thesis
2. ____ Thesis answers the essential question
3. ____ Thesis supported / paragraphs follow thesis
4. ____ Written in third person
5. ____ States the significance of the issue
6. ____ Makes connections between the EQ and another topic
7. ____ Follows assignment outline.
8. ____ At least two quotes and or opinion incorporated in essays evidence.
9. ____ Thesis restated in conclusion?
10. ____ Problem or issue addressed, analyzed, evaluated or solved?
11. ____ Incorporates and connects constitutional, historical and/or economic principles or sources.
12. ____ States another point of such as the other side of the writer's thesis.
13. ____ Works cited page.

Grading:

Six-Traits Writing – 1 to 5 possible in each = 20X 4 = 80 possible

Ideas	Organization	Fluency	Conventions	Total	X4=