

POLICY BRIEF PROJECT

Government & English 12 :: Solis & Stoll

Outline:

Each Policy Brief must include all of the following parts, in this order:

1) Executive Summary: A title for your policy brief that is appealing to the majority, along with one to two paragraphs that directly describe the issue at hand, clearly explain the importance of this issue, and briefly address the range of policy options.

2) Policy Context: Research and visual evidence that helps to provide a complete and thorough description of the root causes of the issue at hand; also establishes the immediacy of why this issue must be addressed.

3) Critique of Policy Options: A thorough exploration of the range of policies that have been attempted, implemented or advocated for in potentially solving this issue, including relevant analysis about the validity of these policies.

4) Recommendations & Implications: A series of suggestions for how to improve, solve, or redirect the issue of inequality at hand; speak to solutions that can make a real difference in the immediate sense, and what the specific potential outcomes may be of following these recommendations.

Formatting: Policy Briefs should be four pages long, and should be formatted using consistent fonts (*no larger than 12 pt. excluding headers*), reasonable margins (*no wider than one inch*) and a two column layout wherever applicable. Points will be deducted for errors in spelling and grammar.

**Students must include a works cited section of at least 5 sources (MLA format) on the last page*

Submission:

FINAL: Due Oct. 26th, Mon to TurnItIn.com for all periods of English 12.

Students are expected to submit their Policy Briefs digitally via their English 12 TurnItIn.com account by 11:59pm on Monday, 10/26. *Each partner must submit a copy of the policy brief to TurnItIn.com.*

Rubric:

Each Policy Brief will be scored using the following rubric:

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<i>Your essays should have included the following components; any missing components have been bolded</i>	
<p>Form: (Both essays utilize...)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An approachable Executive Summary mindful of structure/word choice (Denot/Connotation) ○ Usage of academic language, credible sources, and precise formatting (Ethos) ○ Strong references to facts, statistics, and real life examples, including visual evidence (Logos) ○ Vivid imagery, emotional language, and/or meaningful, anecdotal evidence (Pathos) <p style="text-align: right;">Score for FORM: _____</p>	<p>Content: (Both essays include...)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An Executive Summary that clearly and concisely defines the issue ○ Policy Context thoroughly describes the root of issue using strong research ○ Critique includes mention of at least 5 policies attempted, implemented, or advocated ○ At least three meaningful recommendations for solving the issue and possible outcomes <p style="text-align: right;">Score for CONTENT: _____</p>
<p>NOTES: - - -</p>	