

Victory Christian Satellite Schools, LLC

High School Civics Report Guide Outline

Instructions: Choose a position you wish to defend on a current event topic. Suggested publications from which to glean may include “God’s World” weekly magazine or a daily, secular newspaper.

Purpose: To teach student to defend a position or point of view in a single, well-written paragraph. It is sometimes challenging to choose a position with which a person disagrees and defend it to the best of one’s ability however the point of this exercise is not necessarily to agree, but to practice the art of persuasion. This is often done on debating teams; also, attorneys, quite often, use this technique.

Topic: Topic must be clearly defensible from both sides of the issue. Topic should be stated in a “should / should not” type of statement. For example: “Parents should / should not be allowed to teach their children at home.”

Outline:

- 1) Write a topic sentence.
- 2) Write 4 supporting reasons.
- 3) Write a concluding sentence.

Write:

- 1) Indent first sentence, which is the topic sentence.
- 2) For further clarification, in logical order, write the 3 best reasons, adding details, etc. Use transition words, such as, “first,” “also,” “in addition,” and so on.
- 3) Proof read; correct and rewrite, if needed; submit a final copy