



Position Paper

Liberalism...

You'll have to at least
pretend to care about it
for a few hours.



Rubric

Analysis of Source	Argumentation	Evidence	Communication
-critically analyzes the source -demonstrates an understanding of the source and its relationship to a perspective on (globalization/nationalism/ideology)	-establishes a position -develops arguments based on logic and reason -establishes a relationship between position taken, argumentation, and the sources perspective	-is relevant and accurate -reflects depth and/or breadth of social studies knowledge -evidence may be theoretical, historical, contemporary, and/or current events.	-fluency and essay organization -syntax, mechanics, and grammar -use of vocabulary and social studies terminology

Analysis of Source – Paragraph

#1

- Attention grabbing sentence (on topic)
- Introduce topic (broadly)
- Analyze source:
 - Key phrasing
 - Perspective on Liberalism
 - Case Studies/Examples/People agree/disagree with
- Transition to your position (allude to your case studies)
- Thesis Statement
 - *The position (be specific) of the source should be rejected/partially rejected/partially embraced/full accepted because it ARGUMENT #1 and ARGUMENT #2*

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The understanding of the source is insightful and sophisticated. A perceptive discussion of the source and its relationship(s) to the perspective(s) is/are comprehensively developed.

← Don't do this too early!

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Taken together → Perspective on Liberalism

Position!

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Agree/Disagree? → Why?

Examples? → WHY!?

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Examples? → WHY!?

Position!

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Position – Paragraphs #2/3

- Setup your argument (be specific and connect to thesis/source)
- Why do you believe this (how is it good for society?)
- What evidence to support:
 - *Not just a run down of events*
 - *ALWAYS connect to your argument → How does this prove what you're looking to prove*
- Any counter-examples?
 - *Stronger counter = stronger position*
- Counter the counter
- Reconnect to source and thesis
- Transition

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Convincingly established position with judiciously chosen, consistent and compelling argumentation. The relationship between (see above) is perceptively developed and demonstrates insightful understanding of the assignment.

Evidence is sophisticated and deliberately chosen. The relative absence of error is impressive. A thorough and comprehensive discussion of evidence reveals an insightful understanding of social and application to the assignment.

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Recap

Position

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Conclusion – What's the Point?

- Highlight reel
- Nothing new
- Summarize:
 - Analysis
 - Paragraph 1 and 2
 - Overall position
- Attention grabbing exit
 - Restate what is at stake... make it dramatic