

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

“BILL ME ON CONGRESS” Essay

Using <http://www.opencongress.org/bill/all> website, research one of the over 2,000 bills currently being heard in Congress (House of Reps and/or Senate). All bills are filed under the “Issues” tab at the top of the website. In at least one paragraph (more is always better), summarize the article. Include in a second paragraph (or more!) where you reflect on the bill and voice your opinions. REMEMBER TO MAKE SURE YOU HIT ALL KEY POINTS ON THE RUBRIC. MLA format is required. A print out of the bill should be attached to the essay.

Section #1: Summary (40 Points)

- ___/10 Which Congressmen Sponsored the Bill (Name, State, Sen. or HoR, Dem or Rep?)
- ___/20 What does this bill propose (The Who, What, When, Where, and How?)
- ___/5 Has this bill been amended? If so, how?
- ___/5 Has This Bill passed either the House of Reps or the Senate? By How much?

Paragraph #2: Opinion (45 Points)

- ___/10 Stance to the bill is clearly stated (For it or against it?)
- ___/10 First supporting reason for your stance
- ___/10 Specific Evidence to first reason (event, statistic, experience)
- ___/5 Second supporting reason for your stance
- ___/10 Specific Evidence to second reason(event, statistic, experience)

The Basics: (15 points)

- ___/10 Is my essay in MLA format? (printed, double spaced, **no spelling errors!**)
- ___/5 Is my bill stapled to my essay?
- _____ Handed in Early (+6 pts for Thurs, +4 pts for Mon)
- _____ Handed in Late (One letter grade off per day)

FINAL SCORE: