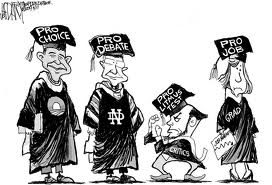
**Constitution & Civic Responsibility**

*Current Issues Editorial Research Project*



Ms. Hopkins

Fall 2013

**DUE DATES:**

1. Proposed Topic and Position: Oct. 3rd

2. Source Sheet and Notes: Oct. 9th

3. Final due date: Oct. 18th

**Guidelines**

***The Basics:***

1. 3 pages in length.
2. Double spaced, Times New Roman 12 Font.
3. Number of sources needed: Level one = **8**; Level two = **6**; Level three = **4**

***Your Mission/Purpose:***

You are to write an editorial research-based paper on a current issue of your choosing. The issue you choose must connect to politics, the government, the Constitution, and/or civic responsibility (and, ideally, your CIA project). **All topics must meet my approval!** An editorial is an opinion piece written on a topic using various sources to support your position or refute the opinion of the opposition. You are writing this piece to your peers, and it should be a piece of writing that you would feel proud to send in to a newspaper for publication.

***The Process:***

1. Select a current event topic. Be sure the topic you choose is of interest to you. The more interesting and debatable the topic the higher quality the editorial. I highly recommend using your issue for your CIA project as the basis of this paper—kill two birds with one store.
2. Begin the research process. Locate trustworthy sources that will not only provide you with the basic information surrounding your topic but will offer you deep insight into the complexities of your issue. You will want to use encyclopedias, magazine and newspaper articles, and factual, high quality websites.
3. Organize your thoughts. Create an outline (any format) that will help you organize your position, arguments, and evidence in a logical manner.

**Useful Information:**

* Recommended Websites: Newsweek.com; nytimes.com; washingtonpost.com; economist.com; csmonitor.com; courant.com; time.com to name a few! See the wiki for more.
* Follow the rubric provided.

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| **Due: Oct. 18th** |