

Assessment over The Bill of Rights

Due Oct. 7th

Introduction:

There has been a lot of controversy lately surrounding the War on Terror. Many Americans feel as though The Patriot Act is infringing upon our privacy and other individual liberties, while others feel protected by it. The government of the United States is currently revisiting The Bill of Rights. They have determined that it is outdated and may not remain in its current form any longer. Their aim is to ensure that our personal civil liberties and the pursuit of happiness remains guarded in the 21st century. The government has asked for input from experts on The Constitution and The Bill of Rights. You have been selected to participate on the National Revised Bill of Rights Task Force (NRBR). You will be working in a small team with others who may or may not share your values and opinions. You have been charged with the task of revising and editing the Bill of Rights. More specifically you will need to prioritize, prune and add amendments, and then turn your ideas into a Revised Bill of Rights. Your team's proposal will be submitted in its final form as a persuasive presentation to Mrs. Knight and associates. She and her associates have been given the important charge of judging the proposals based on valid arguments demonstrated by its authors during the presentation.

Product:

Your task as a member of the NRBR Task Force is to prioritize, revise, prune two and add two amendments to The Bill of Rights. You'll need to develop a *persuasive and engaging presentation*. As you know, a creative and eye-catching *visual aid* is a

convincing and is sometimes the critical piece of a persuasive presentation, as well as a great reminder of your important points. During your presentation you'll also need to *support and defend your choices* as far as priority, omissions and additions to your Revised Bill of Rights. Be ready to field any questions from Mrs. Knight.

Process:

Prioritize, revise, omit two and add two amendments to the Bill of Rights. You need to work together as a team. Each member's viewpoints need to be respected and considered, but do not need to be agreed with. Remember, it is okay to agree to disagree! Keeping that in mind, you still need to come to consensus (agreement) about your prioritization, revisions, omissions and additions. Once you have created a Revised Bill of Rights Proposal, you will need to create a visual aid that could act as a clear representation for your proposal.

To gain some wonderful new insights and powerful arguments/viewpoints from the young people in America, I am requesting that at the end of your persuasive presentation, each of you submit your own proposals for the Revised Bill of Rights, with your omissions and additions well supported with valid and rational arguments. In your personal proposal, you don't have to agree to the prioritization, revisions, omissions and additions to the Revised Bill of Rights your team proposed, although you may.