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Gun Control Legislation

Analyze the effort to enact meaningful gun control legislation following the Newtown School shootings and why the effort failed to produce any results despite the strong public pressure to pass such legislation. 2

Supreme Court Case Paper

Choose a Supreme Court case that is being heard during the 2012-13 term to research and write a three page summary of the case. Identify the key issues involved with the case as it relates to either the Constitution or to the operation of the federal government. Identify the essential facts and the positions of each party to the case.

3

Immigration Bill Debate

Prepare a paper outlining the key issues on both sides surrounding the passage of Immigration Reform and explain why it appears so difficult to pass any legislation on this issue.

4

Become Superintendent of Schools for Long Branch

Write your own agenda if you were appointed superintendent. What would you have to say? What changes would you make? What policies would you lay out and why. What discipline punishments would you use.

5

Write an editorial.

Identify a topic that you feel strongly about, related to the federal government, and write an editorial setting forth your viewpoint. 6

Taxation without

Representation? Write a letter to the editor, 750 words in length, expressing your viewpoint as to why people under the age of 18 should not have to pay income taxes since they are not allowed to vote in national elections.

7

Hot Political Issue in NJ.

Write a three page paper on the issue of beach replenishment here in NJ following hurricane Sandy and whether private land owners should be able to prevent such projects from going forward without compensation to them.

8

To Vote or Not to Vote

Draw a map of the United States, then locate the five states with the highest percentage of eligible voters who actually voted in the 2012 presidential election. Identify and locate the five states with the lowest percentage of eligible voters in the presidential election of 2012. Explain why you feel these states have the %'s you indicate.

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DVD Message on a Political Issue of Significance.

Make a DVD rap video, suitable for YouTube, on a relevant political issue. It cannot be more than 2 minutes in length. If you post it on YouTube you will receive extra credit if it receives more than 100 views.

Each member of the class is required to do 2 of above assignments. You are free to select which 2 you wish to do. The first assignment will be due on Thursday, May 30th. The second assignment will be due on Thursday June 5th. You do not have to tell me ahead of time which assignment you will be doing but no late assignments will be accepted under any circumstances. Remember that your final will be on Wednesday June 5th and that my last day before I leave for College Board's exam reading will be June 7th. Each assignment will be worth up to 100 project points. You may hand the assignments in early and you will earn extra credit for doing so.