name _____

Research with a purpose!

My issue/topic: _____

I. Introduction **[Use your Drawing Connections worksheet within your 1st paragraph.]**

A. Attention Getter (aka "hook") _____

B. Connection to **Individual Rights** _____

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C. Connection to the **Common Good** _____

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D. My position: *I will prove to the reader that* _____

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II. Background: (remember to list your source**s**—no plagiarism!)

A. *What* is the issue? (Briefly, what are the **2** sides of this controversy? What's the recent history?)

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_____ source: (_____).

B. *Who* is involved in the issue? (Name **major** organizations or **important** individuals on each side.)

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_____ source: (_____).

(Background, continued…)

C. How is this a *constitutional* issue? **Briefly** here, which ***constitutional principle*** is related to it?

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_____source: (_____).

The Body of the Essay—Reasons and Evidence: (Provide at least **3** reasons, with evidence & explanations. Write in complete sentences. Cite your sources of info—all together, you need 4 or more!)

III. Reason #1--*Show* how a specific **constitutional principle** logically supports your position.

A. My 1st—constitutional—reason: _____

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B. Use a specific quote/excerpt from the U. S. Constitution or other U.S. document:_____

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_____Const. Article or Amendment used: (_____).

Additional evidence—how do experts connect your issue to the Const.? _____

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_____source: (_____).

C. Your EXPLANATION of how this logically supports your first reason: _____

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(continue with reasons and evidence →)

IV. <u>Reason #2</u> [Topic sentence + cited evidence + your explanation = 1 support paragraph]

A. My 2nd reason:_____

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B. Evidence:_____

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_____source: (_____).

C. Your Explanation/Elaboration _____

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V. <u>Reason #3</u> with credible <u>evidence</u> from more sources (to be <u>explained</u> *thoroughly*)

A. My 3rd reason:_____

B. Evidence:_____

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_____source: (_____).

C. Your Explanation:_____

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Optional: a further reason from new source. My 4th reason:_____

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_____source: (_____).

Your Explanation: _____

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VI. Conclusion

Restate position: _____

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Call to action (what exactly do you want the reader to *DO* about this issue?): _____

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Sources of Info: FOUR minimum; you should include the U.S. Constitution (in textbook). Fill out all available information for your Works Cited list; only the *first* piece of information—like the author's name or the "article title"—will be used in your *parenthetical citations*.

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