

IBMYP GOVERNMENT PEER REVIEW FOR RESEARCH PAPER

Check to see if ALL of the following are included in the paper. Do **NOT** place a check mark if there are missing items from the description.

Problem to be addressed (75-100 words suggested)

Introduce the issue and the proposed solution that you support. Briefly explain the topic with supporting information. Then, develop a thesis statement that will address the problem and offer a solution (What is the problem? What is one side of the issue? What is an alternative view of the issue? What is the solution?). The problem needs to be one that the United States Congress has the power to take action address.

Current Arguments (425-500 words suggested)

This section is an examination of the current problem and at least two different positions that people hold. The section is a narrative – you are simply telling what is happening today with your issue. This is where most of your research will be shown. You need to use proper footnotes/endnotes to show where you are getting your research. Any illustrations, documents, or other relevant evidence should be included in an appendix and will not be included in the word count. In short – explain the problem and have plenty of evidence to support your research.

Evaluation of sources (200-255 words suggested)

This section of the written account should be a critical evaluation of **two** important sources appropriate to the research and should refer to their origin, purpose, value and limitation. You should evaluate sources from different perspectives or views (take one source that supports your position and one that is against it). Each source should have one paragraph devoted to the evaluation.

What needs to be done (425-500 words suggested)

The section of the written account is an **analysis** of problem and should include:

- the importance of the investigation in the current political climate
- analysis of the evidence
- different interpretations or solutions

In this section the elements of the investigation identified in section B will be broken down into key issues/points. You need to evaluate the arguments or positions of those who support or are against the current legislation or are offering different solutions to the problem. The section will include research – but also your analysis of the arguments and why the problem needs to be addressed.

Proposed new law (125-150 words suggested)

This section is where you present your solution to the problem. In short – how does Congress fix or significantly improve on the current problem with a proposed law? This will be the focus of your proposed law in the Mock Congress. The plan need not be overly detailed – but needs to explain how your law would change the current situation. You need to persuade the reader that your solution will change the current situation.

Bibliography & Word Count

A bibliography or list of sources must be included although this will not form part of the word count. All sources, whether written or otherwise (including interviews), should be listed. Students are required to use The Chicago Manual of Style, 15th ed. (Chicago: U of Chicago P, 2003).. An accurate word is required.

(1250-1500 words)

