Current Events Project

DUE: THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH

110 POINTS (HONORS)/ 70 POINTS ACADEMIC)

There are a lot of controversial issues being debated in the United States today. It is good to be able to understand what the current laws about these issues are as well as what people on both sides of the issue think about it.

**CHOOSE FIVE OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES (**ACADEMIC STUDENTS ONLY NEED TO CHOOSE 3, BUT THEY MUST BE 3 OF THE FIRST 11**).**

1) Gun control

2) Free speech for hate groups- should groups like the KKK/Nazi Party be allowed to exist and hold rallies?

3) Vaccination of children 4) Marijuana legalization 5) Immigration laws

6) Death penalty 7) Climate change

8) Universal healthcare vs. private healthcare

9) Electoral College (should it exist?) 10) Universal Basic Income

11) School Vouchers/Public School Funding

12) Another issue of your choosing. This other issue must have multiple sides. You may only do one of these.

-If there are one of those topics you do not understand please do not hesitate to ask me to explain it further.

For the FIVE topics that you chose, you must do the following things:

Part I (2 pts. per issue) List 2 current laws about the issue (either US or NC law). Put the laws into your own words, do not simply copy/paste them

Part II (6 pts. per issue) State your opinion. What side are you on? Why?

Part III (6 pts. per issue) Find three pieces of evidence to support your side. Evidence does not mean list three things that are your opinion, **evidence requires actual facts from actual research**. **Explain how this evidence supports your side in a persuasive manner.**

Part IV (6 pts. per issue) **List three counterpoints to arguments that your opposition would name AND your argument against those (basically, explaining why the other side is wrong)**

General (10 pts total) All writing is done in complete sentences, general English conventions (such as capitalizing proper nouns) are followed, all directions are followed.

This project must be done in complete sentences but does not need to be in paragraph form. This needs to be typed and shared with me as a google doc (where I am allowed to comment on the document). This needs to be done before the start of class on March 5th or is it considered late.

You can see a great example of a past project on the class website under Daily Agenda🡪Unit 2 (Due Dates).