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| Criteria | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor |
| *Articles*6 Articles, 3 from the newspaper, 3 from a new source of your choice | *20 points*All 6 articles complete and present; 2 articles for each law; 1 article from the newspaper for each law | *15 points*5 – 4 articles complete and present; 1 for each law; 1 article from the newspaper for each law | *10 points*1 – 3 articles present; less than 1 for each law; articles incomplete or from wrong sources.  | *0 points*No articles present. |
| *Recentness of Articles*Articles must be dated within the past 30 days. | *20 points*All dated within the past 30 days. | *15 points*4 of the articles dated within the past 30 days. | *10 points*2 of the articles dated within the past 30 days. | *0 points*Articles are more than 30 days old. |
| *Summaries*Use proper paragraph form; includes one summary paragraph for each article. | *50 points*Summaries complete and present for all articles; accurate in detail and form. | *30 points*Summaries present for all articles; accurate in detail and form; some not completed. | *20 points*Some summaries are missing or those that are submitted are not accurate in form or detail or completed. | *0 points*No summaries present. |
| *Defense of Article*Use proper paragraph form; includes a defense paragraph for each article; includes the law represented and the relationship between law and article; uses scientific vocabulary. | *50 points*Defense complete and present for all articles; relates each article to the law it represents; uses proper form and detail; includes scientific vocabulary. | *30 points*Defense complete and present for all articles; not all articles are related to laws; does not include scientific vocabulary. | *20 points*Some defenses are missing; defenses do not include relationship to laws or scientific vocabulary. | *0 points*No defenses present. |
| *Works Cited*Follows proper works cited format; all articles listed in works cited. | *20 points*All articles listed; works cited format is followed and accurate. | *15 points*4 of the articles are listed; mostly uses proper format. | *10 points*4 of the articles are listed; does not use proper format. | *0 points*3 or less are listed. |
| *Organization*In proper order as follows: article, summary, defense, works cited. | *10 points*Organized properly; easy to find and read articles. | *8 points*Organized properly; but hard to find and read articles |  | *0 points*Unorganized; hard to find and read articles. |
| *Presentation*Choose one article and present it creatively. | *30 points*Creative presentation. | *20 points*Basic presentation (e.g., folder) | *10 points*Messy presentation. | *0 points*Very poor presentation overall. |

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