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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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