

# DEATH PENALTY ESSAY

## Instructions:

1. Type a five paragraph essay on the death penalty.
2. You can print your essay or share it with me from your google drive: [christina.jones@prescottschools.com](mailto:christina.jones@prescottschools.com)
3. Follow the steps below. Each step tells you what should be in each paragraph. Please follow this!
4. The essay is worth 100 points!!!
5. Due date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Grading Rubric:

### Paragraph One (Introduction) 10 points

- hook (basics of what you are going to write about). . . . .5 points
- thesis statement. . . . .3 points
- spelling/grammar. . . . .2 points

### Paragraph Two (Disadvantages of Death Penalty) 30 points

- 3 disadvantages explained (4 points each). . . . . 12 points
- a quote . . . . .5 points
- a statistic . . . . .5 points
- appropriate length/completeness/flow . . . . . 5 points
- spelling/grammar . . . . . 3 points

### Paragraph Three (Advantages of Death Penalty) 30 points

- 3 advantages explained (4 points each). . . . . 12 points
- a quote . . . . . 5 points
- a statistic . . . . . 5 points
- appropriate length/completeness/flow . . . . . 5 points
- spelling/grammar . . . . . 3 points

Paragraph Four (Your Opinion) 20 points

- explain your opinion in detail . . . . . 10 points
- appropriate length/completeness/flow . . . . . 5 points
- spelling/grammar . . . . . 5 points

Paragraph Five (Conclusion) 10 points

- basics of what you said in essay . . . . . 5 points
- appropriate length/completeness/flow . . . . . 3 points
- spelling/grammar . . . . . 2 points

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ADDITIONAL RESEARCH WEB RESOURCES

DPIC State Information Page:

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/state/>

DPIC Execution Page:

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/article.php?did=414&scid=8>

DPIC Murder Rates by State Page:

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/article.php?scid=12&did=169>

DPIC Recent Legislative Developments Page:

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/article.php?did=236&scid=40>

DPIC Related Resources Page:

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/article.php?did=547&scid=37>

DPIC's Student Resource Page:

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/article.php?did=1917>

Students may also find useful information on Web sites maintained by newspapers within the state they are researching, their state's Department of Corrections homepage, and federal death penalty reports that contain death row information.