

# Freshman Research

## The writing prompts

### Essay Rubric

### The notes

#### Bias

<p><b>Region</b></p> <p>Explain the regional characteristics of the Middle East.</p> <p>Does the Middle East, a region located on the other side of the world, affect your daily life? {in what specific ways and why }</p>	<p><a href="http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/145597.pdf">http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/145597.pdf</a> (Summary pg 2, Promoting Democracy &amp; Reform pg 15/16)</p> <p><a href="http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdf/files/pub11.pdf">http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdf/files/pub11.pdf</a>(Conclusion p 12-14)</p> <p><a href="http://www.the-american-interest.com/article.cfm?piece=269">http://www.the-american-interest.com/article.cfm?piece=269</a> (top half of page – read to Catastrophic Terrorism as a Globally Distributed Threat</p> <p><a href="http://www.raceforiran.com/the-united-states-iran-and-the-middle-east%E2%80%99s-new-%E2%80%9Ccold-war%E2%80%9D-a-new-article-from-the-leveretts">http://www.raceforiran.com/the-united-states-iran-and-the-middle-east%E2%80%99s-new-%E2%80%9Ccold-war%E2%80%9D-a-new-article-from-the-leveretts</a> (Summary of 13 page article, read to author names)</p>
<p><b>Movement/Immigration</b></p> <p>Explain how immigration is “movement.”</p> <p>Should the United States open its borders to non-criminal immigrants who attempt to legally enter the United States? { why or why not – include specific examples and details }</p>	<p><a href="http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2010/0901_immigration_west.aspx">http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2010/0901_immigration_west.aspx</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/09/immigration_assimilation.html">http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/09/immigration_assimilation.html</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.pbs.org/itvs/thecity/america3.html">http://www.pbs.org/itvs/thecity/america3.html</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/2010/07/an-artists-perspective-on-sb-1070.html">http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/2010/07/an-artists-perspective-on-sb-1070.html</a> (click on picture to listen to artist’s point of view)</p> <p><a href="http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/blog/immigration/">http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/blog/immigration/</a> (various points of view presented/summarized on a Bill Moyer show)</p>
<p><b>Human Environment Interaction (HEI)</b></p> <p>Explain how humans affect their environment.</p> <p>Is global warming a serious threat for the Earth’s population? (give details that support your point of view)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/jan-june07/climate_2-05.html">http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/jan-june07/climate_2-05.html</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=115009&amp;org=NSF">http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=115009&amp;org=NSF</a></p> <p><a href="http://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyNET.exe/60001JAV.txt?ZyActionD=ZyDocument&amp;Client=EPA&amp;Index=2006%20Thru%202010&amp;Docs=&amp;Query=600R09040%20or%20global%20or%20warming&amp;Time=&amp;EndTime=&amp;SearchMethod=1&amp;TocRestrict=n&amp;Toc=&amp;TocEntry=&amp;QField=pubnumber%5E%22600R09040%22&amp;QFieldYear=&amp;QFieldMonth=&amp;QFieldDay=&amp;UseQField=pubnumber&amp;IntQFieldOp=1&amp;ExtQFieldOp=1&amp;XmlQuery=&amp;File=D%3A%5CZYFILES%5CINDEX%20DATA%5C06THRU10%5CTXT%5C0000007%5C60001JAV.txt&amp;User=ANONYMOUS&amp;Password=anonymous&amp;SortMethod=h%7C-&amp;MaximumDocuments=10&amp;FuzzyDegree=0&amp;ImageQuality=r75g8/r75g8/x150y150g16/i425&amp;Display=p%7Cf&amp;DefSeekPage=x&amp;SearchBack=ZyActionL&amp;Back=ZyActionS&amp;BackDesc=Results%20page&amp;MaximumPages=1&amp;ZyEntry=14">http://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyNET.exe/60001JAV.txt?ZyActionD=ZyDocument&amp;Client=EPA&amp;Index=2006%20Thru%202010&amp;Docs=&amp;Query=600R09040%20or%20global%20or%20warming&amp;Time=&amp;EndTime=&amp;SearchMethod=1&amp;TocRestrict=n&amp;Toc=&amp;TocEntry=&amp;QField=pubnumber%5E%22600R09040%22&amp;QFieldYear=&amp;QFieldMonth=&amp;QFieldDay=&amp;UseQField=pubnumber&amp;IntQFieldOp=1&amp;ExtQFieldOp=1&amp;XmlQuery=&amp;File=D%3A%5CZYFILES%5CINDEX%20DATA%5C06THRU10%5CTXT%5C0000007%5C60001JAV.txt&amp;User=ANONYMOUS&amp;Password=anonymous&amp;SortMethod=h%7C-&amp;MaximumDocuments=10&amp;FuzzyDegree=0&amp;ImageQuality=r75g8/r75g8/x150y150g16/i425&amp;Display=p%7Cf&amp;DefSeekPage=x&amp;SearchBack=ZyActionL&amp;Back=ZyActionS&amp;BackDesc=Results%20page&amp;MaximumPages=1&amp;ZyEntry=14</a> (read this page and one before or one after!)</p> <p><a href="http://www.ipcc.ch/publications_and_data/ar4/wg2/en/ch17s17-es.html">http://www.ipcc.ch/publications_and_data/ar4/wg2/en/ch17s17-es.html</a> &amp; <a href="http://www.ipcc.ch/publications_and_data/ar4/wg2/en/ch1s1-es.html">http://www.ipcc.ch/publications_and_data/ar4/wg2/en/ch1s1-es.html</a> (read both of these to count for this one)</p>
<p><b>Geographic</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.pbs.org/now/shows/446/capitalism.html">http://www.pbs.org/now/shows/446/capitalism.html</a></p>

<p><b>Models/Economics</b></p> <p>Explain the key details of free market capitalism.</p> <p>Should the US congress repeal the Bush tax cuts? {include specific reasons and support your argument}</p>	<p>(3 speakers on capitalism)</p> <p><a href="http://2008election.procon.org/view_resource.php?resourceID=1704">http://2008election.procon.org/view_resource.php?resourceID=1704</a> (read two pro, two con, one in the middle or unknown)</p> <p><a href="http://mycrains.crainsnewyork.com/greg_david_on_new_york/2010/08/pro-and-con-ending-bush-tax-cuts-for-the-rich.php">http://mycrains.crainsnewyork.com/greg_david_on_new_york/2010/08/pro-and-con-ending-bush-tax-cuts-for-the-rich.php</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.moneycrashers.com/debate-should-the-bush-tax-cuts-be-extended/">http://www.moneycrashers.com/debate-should-the-bush-tax-cuts-be-extended/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.americanthinker.com/2010/08/obama_and_the_age_of_reaganomi.html">http://www.americanthinker.com/2010/08/obama_and_the_age_of_reaganomi.html</a></p>
<p><b>Geographic Models/Government/Politics</b></p> <p>Explain the basic components of America's two-party political system.</p> <p>Who should you vote for in the upcoming Texas gubernatorial election? {include specific reasons and your reasons for supporting them}</p>	<p><a href="http://www.txdemocrats.org/">http://www.txdemocrats.org/</a> &amp; <a href="http://www.texasgop.org/">http://www.texasgop.org/</a> see the stance each party takes on some of the issues</p> <p><a href="http://www.ourcampaigns.com/RaceDetail.html?RaceID=404248">http://www.ourcampaigns.com/RaceDetail.html?RaceID=404248</a> read articles about two different candidates (links at bottom of page)</p> <p><a href="http://www.cqpolitics.com/wmspage.cfm?docID=governor-2010-TX">http://www.cqpolitics.com/wmspage.cfm?docID=governor-2010-TX</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.votesmart.org/election_governor_five_categories.php?state_id=TX">http://www.votesmart.org/election_governor_five_categories.php?state_id=TX</a> review at least two different candidates</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.votesmart.org/speech.php?can_id=15373">http://www.votesmart.org/speech.php?can_id=15373</a></p>