

Letter Explaining Your Vote Instructions –

Directions: You have studied the difficult topic of what should be done about people convicted of a felony and their opportunity to vote. You are now going to write a letter explaining your vote on the issue.

Your letter should include 4 paragraphs and answer this question: Should people convicted of a felony be allowed to vote? This should be written in the form of a letter that will be read by your community before the vote takes place.

Requirements:

1. Your letter must include 4 paragraphs as described below.
2. Your letter should use persuasive language and should be written to your community. .
3. Your letter should be written in the 1st person, – “I”.
4. Your letter should be persuasive by building arguments supported by evidence.

Editorial Format:

Paragraph 1:

Describe the dilemma facing your state. What is the issue you need to vote on? What are some options other states have chosen to deal with this issue? How do some people feel about people who have been convicted of a felony voting?

Paragraph 2:

Provide the most persuasive arguments you can for people convicted of a felony keeping the opportunity to vote. Why would this be most fair for the community? Would this support voting being a right or a privilege?

Paragraph 3:

Provide the most persuasive arguments you can for people convicted of a felony losing the privilege to vote? Why would this be most fair for the community? Would this support voting being a right or a privilege?

Paragraph 4:

Which of the five options discussed in class do you agree with and why? Use 2 pieces of evidence to support your reason. How does this support your belief that voting is a right or a privilege?