

Prompt:

Choose a country, identify a global or domestic issue it faces, and develop a foreign policy approach that addresses the problem.

Description:

- The essay should include an analysis of the existing policy challenge as well as a solution to the challenge. For the analysis, it may prove helpful to ask yourself what the key contributing factors are that make this policy challenge difficult to solve. Your solution should seek to address as many of these contributing factors as possible.
- Make sure to thoroughly analyze the issue you pick: detail its impacts, magnitude, and who it affects. A good essay will explain how your policy solution addresses the problem in addition to the policy challenges that it might face in practice - e.g., obstacles to implementation or potential ways that the proposed solution could provoke unintended consequences. We recommend spending a large amount of time doing research - the best essays will be rooted in evidence.
- We have included a list of websites and databases to help you get started, but doing research outside of these resources will be essential to your success.
- Responses that focus on climate change, refugee crises, and economic inequality are welcome, but we highly recommend researching more detailed and lesser known issues as well. We encourage you to be creative in your response!

Instructions:

Your paper should be anywhere from 1200-1500 words, 12pt font, and double-spaced. Use MLA citations and create a bibliography at the bottom of your document. Please use the attached template to write your paper, download it as a pdf, and submit a viewable Google Drive link in the payment form.

Here are the specific steps:

1. Download your file as a PDF.
2. Go to your Google Drive and press "+New" and later "File upload."
3. Select your file.
4. Once your file is uploaded, press the "Share" button in the top right corner and under general access change the viewing access from "restricted" to "anyone with the link can view." This step is **important** to ensure that we can read your paper.
5. Once you're done, copy the link and paste it into the payment form under "Essay submission."

Entry Fees:

Each student is required to pay \$5 US in entry fees by April 14th, 2024 at 11:59pm EST.

Note that there is a fifty cent fee for processing.

Some Helpful Resources:

Foreign Policy Research Institute: <https://www.fpri.org/research/>

Brookings Institute: <https://www.brookings.edu/research-commentary/>

United Nations Research Guide: <https://www.un.org/en/mun/research-resources>

Global Humanitarian Crises: <https://www.unrefugees.org/emergencies/>

World Economic Forum: <https://www.weforum.org/> MLA Citation

Guide: <https://www.loc.gov/programs/MLA>

Rubric:

Criteria	4 - Outstanding	3 - Effective	2 - Adequate	1 - Ineffective
Organization	The writing flows smoothly and logically from a well-defined thesis. It contains an appropriate introduction, conclusion, and smooth transitions between paragraphs.	The writing is organized logically and flows well. An introduction and conclusion are evident, but transitions between body paragraphs may be smoother.	The writing demonstrates rudimentary organization and logical structure, but ideas need to be more fully developed and supported by more appropriate evidence.	The writing is noticeably lacking in organization. There is no clear introduction nor conclusion and ideas are neither carefully nor fully developed. Supporting evidence is clearly lacking.

Creativity	Made creative, niche, and coherent policy recommendations that flowed logically from writer's evaluation of the issue.	Made clear policy recommendations.	Made general policy commendations and lacked creativity.	Failed to suggest any coherent policy initiatives.
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Support	Substantial, logical, and concrete development of ideas. Assumptions are made explicit. Details are germane, original, and convincingly interpreted.	Offers solid but less original reasoning. Assumptions are not always recognized or made explicit. Contains some appropriate details or examples.	Offers some support that may be dubious, too broad, or obvious. Details are too general, not interpreted, irrelevant to the thesis, or inappropriately repetitive.	Offers simplistic, undeveloped, or cryptic support for ideas; inappropriate or off-topic generalizations; faulty assumptions; and/or errors of fact.
Evaluation/ Analysis	Carried out a comprehensive,	Carried out a coherent evaluation	Carried out a coherent evaluation	Failed to carry out a coherent evaluation
	coherent, and well-sustained evaluation validated with clear examples based on research relevant to the issues discussed.	illustrated with examples based on research relevant to the issues discussed.	supported with some examples relevant to the issues discussed.	and/or provide examples relevant to the issues discussed.

Research	Located, evaluated, and synthesized an extensive range of highly relevant information that substantially supported writer's analysis	Located, evaluated, and synthesized a range of relevant information that supported writer's analysis.	Located and collated partly relevant information that provided some support for writer's analysis.	Used information from sources that were tenuously related to writer's analysis.
Sources	Uses sources to support, extend, and inform, but not substitute for writer's own development of ideas. Skillfully combines material from a variety of sources. Conforms to MLA format including in-text citations and works cited page.	Uses sources to support, extend, and inform the writer's own development of ideas. Appropriately uses quotes. Minor errors in MLA format including in-text citations and works cited page.	Uses relevant sources but substitutes them for the writer's own ideas. Quotations and paraphrases may be too long and/or inconsistently referenced. Minor errors in MLA format including in-text citations and works cited page.	Fails to use sources and/or overuses quotations or paraphrasing and/or uses source material without acknowledgment. Major errors in MLA format including in-text citations and works cited page.
Mechanics	Essentially errorfree. Evidence of superior control of diction. Tone is mature, consistent, and suitable for the topic and audience. Adheres to the required length.	Grammar and syntax are correct with very few errors in spelling or punctuation. Tone is appropriate. Adheres to the required length.	Repeated weaknesses in mechanics and usage. Pattern of flaws. Tone may have some inconsistencies and is somewhat immature.	Mechanical and usage errors are so severe that writer's ideas are difficult to understand.