

Petition Scoring Information

Score Range	Organization	Legal Analysis	Use of Authority	Bluebook/ Mechanics	Writing Style
9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follows Note/Comment format perfectly. - Subsections and headings used well. - Introduction, background, and analysis have appropriate length and substance. - Clear road-mapping. - Always flows from section to section. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Author adopts an insightful position and comes to a logical conclusion. - Note/Comment remains focused. - Author sets up analysis in the background section and uses all of the background information. - Demonstrates thoughtful, creative analysis of sources of all viewpoints. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frequent endnotes (every 1-2 sentences). - Detailed and helpful endnotes - Endnotes relate logically and effectively to the above-the-line statement. - Endnotes use a majority of BB signals. - Endnotes contain explanatory parenthetical sentences, whenever appropriate - Nearly all the petition packet sources are cited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Few or no obvious BB mistakes. - Few or no obvious grammatical mistakes. - Few or no general errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clearly written - Sentences all complete and of varying length. - Word choice consistent and interesting. - Writing is concise and focused. - Almost no passive voice.
7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mainly follows Note/Comment format. - Most subsections and headings used well. - Introduction, background, and analysis mostly have appropriate length and substance. - Generally clear road-mapping. - Usually flows from section to section. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Author adopts a position and comes to a related conclusion. - Note/Comment generally remains focused. - Author generally sets up analysis in the background section and uses most of the background information. - Demonstrates generally insightful analysis of multiple viewpoints. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frequent endnotes (every 2 or 3 sentences). - Detailed and helpful endnotes. - Endnotes relate logically and effectively to the above-the-line statement. - Endnotes use many BB signals. - Endnotes often contain explanatory parenthetical sentences when appropriate. - A great majority of the petition packet sources are cited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some BB mistakes. - Some grammatical mistakes. - Some general errors. - Generally, noticeable number of errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mostly clearly written. - Mostly simple sentences and some variety of sentence length. - Some interesting word choices. - Writing is fairly focused. - Very little passive voice.
5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note/Comment format generally followed, but there are noticeable deviations from the official format. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Author adopts an obvious position and comes to a somewhat related conclusion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More than one endnote per paragraph. - Endnotes could be more detailed and helpful. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frequent BB mistakes. - Frequent grammatical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some unclear sentences, ideas. - Some run-on or fragmented

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subsections and headings are used, but not always sequenced or logical. - More than one of the introduction, background, and/or analysis section is too long/short, and/or contains inappropriate substance. - Somewhat clear road-mapping. - Occasionally flows from section to section. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note/Comment often loses focus. - Analysis is minimally related to the background section and uses little of the background information. - Demonstrates only some insightful analysis and gives only cursory treatment to contrary viewpoints. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Endnotes generally relate to the above-the-line statement. - Endnotes use few BB signals. - Endnotes contain few explanatory parenthetical sentences. - Little more than ½ of the petition packet sources are cited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mistakes. - Frequent general errors. - Generally, distracting number of errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sentences and little variety of sentence length. - Appropriate but “boring” word choices. - Writing is adequately focused but goes on some tangents. - Some passive voice.
3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attempt at Note/Comment was made, but there are significant deviations from the official format. - Subsections and headings are used inconsistently and/or are not sequenced or logical. - The introduction, background, and analysis sections are too long/short, and do not tie together to aid the argument in the Note/Comment. - Unclear or minimal road-mapping. - Generally fails to flow from section to section. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Author fails to adopt a position and fails to come to a conclusion. - Note/Comment lacks focus - Analysis is not related to the background section and does not use the background information. - Mainly obvious, uncreative analysis, and addresses very contrary viewpoints. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One or fewer endnotes per paragraph on average. - Endnotes lack detail/are unhelpful. - Endnotes do not relate to the above-the-line statement. - Endnotes do not use BB signals. - Endnotes contain few explanatory parenthetical sentences. - Less than 1/2 of the petition packet sources are cited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serious BB mistakes. - Poor grammar. - Serious general errors. - Generally, BB and grammatical errors make it difficult to read. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unclear sentences. - Frequent run-on or fragmented sentences. - No variety of sentence length. - Writing is poorly focused and wanders. - Frequent use of passive voice.
1-2	Little to no attempt.	Little to no attempt.	Little to no attempt.	Little to no attempt.	Little to no attempt.