

## Petition Scoring Information

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

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