

Parent Interview Assignment on Student Mock Elections Topics

Objectives:

1. Discuss the ballot items and share background information/articles about them with a parent, guardian, or older family/community member
2. Two documents to be turned in, stapled together:
 - “Parent Politics Interview Notes”
 - “My Commentary on Parent Politics Interview” (stapled on top)

Directions:

1. Pre-plan an “interview” time with your parent(s)/guardians/others of at least 30 - 45 minutes
2. Title a separate sheet of paper ***Parent Interview Notes***
3. Share, explain, and discuss each of the 5 ballot items – consider both sides of the proposed laws
4. Take basic, simple notes on their responses
5. After the interview, write up a one to two page summary on a new sheet of paper titled ***My Commentary on Parent Politics Interview***
6. Hand in ***My Commentary on Parent Politics Interview*** stapled on top of the ***Parent Interview Notes***

Parent Interview Notes:

- Simply record their comments on the 5 ballot items in incomplete sentences
- *Have your parents sign on the bottom that they did the interview with you!*

My Commentary on Parent Politics Interview: Answer the questions below

- 1) Briefly summarize their positions on each of the four ballot items
- 2) What was your discussion like?
- 3) Did you enjoy it?
- 4) What was the highlight of the interview?
- 5) Would you classify your parent(s) as a liberal or a conservative, given their responses?
- 6) What issues were your parent(s) most interested in?
- 7) How do your political views compare to your parent(s)? Explain the similarities and differences.

Extra Credit Option: Make a header ***Extra Credit Optional Questions*** below your ***Commentary on Parent Politics Interview***. Discuss these questions with your parents and record their responses.

- 1) State Income tax – should Washington State adopt a state income tax so that we can attempt to lower our sales and property taxes?
- 2) Global Warming – what should the government do to slow global warming?
- 3) Homelessness in Seattle – what are the solutions to this problem?