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?