U.S Government Unit 1 Project: U.S. Government Civic Scenario
(100 Points Total)

This rubric will help you understand how your **Unit 1 Project: U.S. Government Civic Scenario** will be graded. It outlines the expectations for each section of your project and how many points each section is worth (for a total of 100 points). Use this rubric to guide your work, and your teacher will use it for feedback and grading.

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Criteria	**Excellent**	**Good**	**Needs Improvement**	**Below Expectations**	**No Marks**
Script Content and Civic Analysis *(40 pts)*	**40 pts** **Fully** addresses the selected **scenario** with a **clear**, **accurate**, and **engaging explanation** of all required elements. **Deep analysis** of rights, responsibilities, and government function. Includes **specific**, **relevant real-world** example and thoughtful **personal opinion**.	**32 pts** Addresses the scenario with **clear explanations** and **mostly** relevant content. Analysis is sound but may lack some depth or polish. Example is included.	**24 pts** **Partially** addresses the scenario but lacks clarity or detail. One or more required elements are missing or weakly explained.	**16 pts** Script is **vague or unclear**. Multiple required components missing or off-topic.	**0 pts** No script submitted or does not match assigned scenario.

	20 pts	16 pts	12 pts	8 pts	0 pts
Script Structure and Organization *(20 pts)*	**20 pts** Script **is well-organized** with **clear transitions** and logical flow. Includes strong introduction (with name and scenario fit), body, and conclusion. **Matches tone** and **structure** of the scenario.	**16 pts** **Mostly organized** with some effective transitions. Introduction and content are **present** but may lack polish.	**12 pts** Script **lacks clarity** or structure. Organization is **weak** or choppy.	**8 pts** Script **lacks structure or clarity**. Difficult to follow.	**0 pts** No script submitted.
Audio Recording *(20 pts)*	**20 pts** Audio is **5–7 minutes**, clearly delivered in student's own voice. Engaging tone, confident pacing, and **clear alignment** with written script.	**16 pts** Audio is **mostly clear** and follows the script. May lack some energy or polish. Minor pacing issues.	**12 pts** Audio is **unclear** or off-topic in places. May **not fully** match script.	**8 pts** Audio is **hard to follow** or lacks preparation.	**0 pts** No audio submitted or not recorded in the student's voice.
Tone and Communication *(10 pts)*	**10 pts** **Tone is appropriate for the assigned civic audience** (youth summit or citizenship orientation).	**8 pts** Tone and message **mostly fit** the audience. **Minor issues** with clarity or delivery.	**6 pts** Tone may feel off or **inconsistent**. Communication is somewhat **unclear** or lacks purpose.	**4 pts** **Little effort** to match tone or communicate clearly. Hard to understand.	**0 pts** No attempt at creativity or audience awareness.

	Message is clearly communicated with purpose, confidence, and professionalism.				
Writing Quality, Grammar, and MLA Citations *(10 pts)*	**10 pts** Script **is well-written,** free of errors, and **includes accurate in-text citations** and a complete Works **Cited page in MLA format.**	**8 pts** **Minor grammar** or **citation** issues. Mostly clear writing and mostly correct MLA formatting.	**6 pts** Multiple **grammar**, **spelling**, or **formatting errors**. Works Cited may be incomplete.	**4 pts** Writing is **hard to follow**. Numerous grammar/citation issues. Works Cited may be **missing or poorly formatted**.	**0 pts** No citations included. Poor writing or formatting.

<mark>**Disclaimer:** Journals are a graded part of U.S. Government. Completing them is required.</mark>

Point Deductions for Missing Journals
If **ANY** of the journals are missing, there will be a **10 point Deduction**

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