

U.S Government Unit 5 Project: Past & Present Ruling Connections Report
(100 Points Total)

This rubric will help you understand how your **Unit 5 Project: Past & Present Ruling Connections Report** 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
Content and Analysis (50 pts)	50 pts Case summary includes all required parts: caption, session date, clear summary of the constitutional issue, personal ruling with reasoning, and landmark case connection. Analysis is focused and demonstrates a strong understanding.	40 pts Most parts of the case summary are complete and accurate. Some explanation may lack detail or clarity.	30 pts Some parts are missing or unclear. Analysis may be basic or incomplete.	20 pts Summary is vague, unfocused, or missing key elements.	0 pts No case summary submitted.
Structure and Explanation (20 pts)	20 pts Submission is well-structured with clear labels. All prompts are clearly answered and word counts are met.	16 pts Submission is mostly organized. Some sections may lack clarity or be slightly short.	12 pts One or more sections are disorganized or underdeveloped.	8 pts Submission is confusing or incomplete.	0 pts No written content submitted.

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Research and Source Use (15 pts)	15 pts Includes at least one credible source with a correct MLA citation and a working link. A screenshot of the case listing is included and relevant.	12 pts Source is included and mostly cited correctly. Minor issues with MLA or screenshot.	9 pts The source may be weak, or the citation is incomplete. Screenshot may be unclear or missing.	6 pts Minimal citation effort or missing required items.	0 pts No citation or screenshot submitted.
Reflection and Insight (15 pts)	15 pts Recording clearly explains the landmark case and connects it to the current case. Strong explanation of precedent and its impact. Meets time requirement.	12 pts Recording addresses key points but may lack some detail or clarity. Slightly under or over time.	9 pts Basic connection made, but lacks depth or confidence. Weak delivery or pacing.	6 pts Recording is vague, incomplete, or off-topic.	0 pts No recording submitted or does not address the task.

Disclaimer: Journals are a graded part of U.S. Government. Completing them is required.

Point Deductions for Missing Journals

If **ANY** of the journals are missing, there will be a
10 point Deduction

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