

TIPS SOCIAL STUDIES-HIGH SCHOOL

Student: _____

Class/Period: _____

Date Assigned: _____

Date Due: _____



TIPS: WHY DO WE NEED GOVERNMENT ?
How have social conditions changed over time?



Interview a parent or other family partner who is at least 20 years older than you. Ask the following three questions. You record your family partner's opinions.

- 1: Compared to twenty years ago, have the following social conditions gotten better, stayed the same, or gotten worse? Please tell me in what way.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS	Got Better	Stayed the Same	Got Worse	IN WHAT WAY?
Education	_____	_____	_____	_____
Environment	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crime/violence	_____	_____	_____	_____
Taxes	_____	_____	_____	_____
Unemployment	_____	_____	_____	_____
Poverty	_____	_____	_____	_____
Health care	_____	_____	_____	_____
Race relations	_____	_____	_____	_____
Standard of living	_____	_____	_____	_____
Individual freedom	_____	_____	_____	_____
Family values	_____	_____	_____	_____
Foreign Relations	_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Which TWO of the above topics do you think have been helped by governmental programs over the past 20 years, and IN WHAT WAY? You record your family partner's opinions.

TWO areas helped by government

IN WHAT WAY?

1. _____

2. _____

3. Which TWO of the above topics do you think could use MORE or LESS help from governmental programs over the next 5 or 10 years, and IN WHAT WAY? You record your family partner's opinions.

TWO areas that you think need
MORE OR LESS help from government
(circle one)

IN WHAT WAY?

MORE or LESS _____

MORE or LESS _____

STUDENT VIEW

Use a separate page to write your views, based on your interview of a family partner. Attach your work to this assignment.

- a. Write a short summary of your views on how social conditions have changed over the past 20 years.
- b. Choose TWO social conditions from the list on the first page. Discuss your views: Should there be more or less attention over the next 5-10 years from federal, state, or local government on the two social conditions you selected, and why?

Home-to-School Communication

Please ask your family partner for his/her views:

Yes No This assignment helped me know what my student is learning in Government/Social Studies.

Comments: _____

Family Partner's Signature: _____