

## **Federalism Persuasive Essay and Presentation**

### **I. Introduction: Analysis of issue through providing context (This is the introduction of your essay)**

1. What is the state's position/perspective on this issue? How does that clash with the federal government's laws, opinions, etc.?
2. What is the Federal Government's position/perspective on the issue? How does that clash with the states?

### **II. Facts of Federalism and the U.S. Constitution (This is the body of your essay)**

1. What does the Constitution say about your issue?
2. Which of the expressed, concurrent, and/or reserved powers in the U.S Constitution connect to your issue?
3. What positive and negative impacts does this issue have on the community if the federal government has the power?
4. What positive and negative impacts does this issue have on the community if the state government has the power?

**Use some of these terms within your evidence to support your argument:** Tenth Amendment, Fourteenth Amendment, Reserved Powers, Concurrent (shared) Powers, Expressed (Enumerated) Powers, Commerce Clause, Privileges and immunities clause, New Federalism, Block Grants, Necessary and Proper Clause.

### **III. Prediction and Recommendation (Conclusion to Essay)**

**Prediction:** Based on your research, what might you guess will happen next between the state and the federal government? Who appears to be winning the fight?

#### **Recommendation:**

What do you think should happen in order to best support your issue and what is best for the community/state?