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**Model Congress Bill Project**

**Issue Identification and Analysis**

**Overview**

At the root of governing and political actions are important issues that are complex. Many are problems that are challenging to resolve or topics that elicit strong opinions from stakeholders. As part of our Model Congress simulation, you will chose an issue you care about, conduct research about that issue, and then write a bill that you will introduce in our class legislature.

For this Issue Analysis task you will:

* Identify and describe an important issue related to your bill project.
* Select and evaluate reliable resources to learn more about the issue from multiple perspectives (a minimum of THREE sources on the content of your bill is required; more are recommended).
* Provide a detailed description of the problem including the causes, effects, and significance of this issue based on your research.

I. **Preliminary Identification and Description of an Issue**

 Describe in as much detail as you can, the problem/issue, its causes and effects, and importance.

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**II. Resource Analysis and Information Gathering**

After searching for sources, **s**elect three that provide information and analysis about the problem you have identified as your focus issue and complete a summary sheet for each resource. Based on your evaluation, these sources should be reliable and purposefully selected to give you multiple perspectives on your topic. List the three sources below:

* Source #1
* Source #2
* Source #3

**Source #1: Resource Analysis and Information Gathering Sheet**

 **A) Source Information**

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| **Source Name:** | **Source Location:** |
| **Author(s):** | **Publication Date:** |

**B) Source Format: Choose from the list below**

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| **Digital Sources****\_\_\_ General website (try to find author)****\_\_\_ Chapter/section of a book****\_\_\_ Article – from a database or journal****\_\_\_ Article – from a magazine/news media****\_\_\_ Article - from a Non Profit Association****\_\_\_ Artwork, Cartoon, Map or Chart****\_\_\_ Multimedia – Video Clip, Radio/TV, Sound Recording** | **Print Sources****\_\_\_ Chapter/Page in a book****\_\_\_ Article – magazine/newspaper****\_\_\_ Film or Movie****\_\_\_ Sound Recording****\_\_\_ Visual Artwork, Photo or Cartoon** | **Other Sources****\_\_\_ Survey results****\_\_\_ Public opinion poll****\_\_\_ Personal Interview**\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**C) Source Evaluation**: Consider issues of bias, legitimacy or authority of this source. How did you decide to use this source for your research? Summarize your evaluation in the space below.

**D) Source Summary**: Use the space below to summarize the key facts and conclusions from your source. Do not copy information word-for-word unless it is a direct quote. (Can be bulleted)

**Source #2: Resource Analysis and Information Gathering Sheet**

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| **Author(s):** | **Publication Date:** |

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**Source #3: Resource Analysis and Information Gathering Sheet**

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| **Author(s):** | **Publication Date:** |

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