

# Immigration Research Project

To conclude the Immigration Unit, you will conduct some online research to find four unique reasons that legal immigration can positively affect the United States (in other words, benefits of legal immigration) and four unique reasons that legal immigration may negatively affect the United States (in other words, concerns about legal immigration). Your research will need to come from four unique/different reliable sources in total, and you may not use more than two facts for any one source. You will again fill out a Source Reliability Checklist that will be part of your grade.

You will create a table of research to sort your facts into two columns (benefits and concerns), and your facts will be cited parenthetically within the table. For your table, use direct quotes from your sources. You will also create a complete Works Cited page for all four of your sources.

Additionally, you will then write an argumentative paragraph that will take a stance on the issue of legal immigration based on the facts from your research. Your paragraph must begin with an effective topic sentence that states your claim. The paragraph must use the majority of the research presented in your table, and the paragraph must also include and refute at least one counterclaim. However, the facts that you incorporate should now be paraphrases of the facts in your Table of Research. You will still need to cite the facts in the same way that you've always been doing, but you will not use quotation marks around the facts since you will not be quoting them. The paragraph will end with a restatement of your claim/stance in your topic sentence restatement. This paragraph is the heart of the project and should receive the bulk of your energy and attention.

Example Table of Research:

Benefits of Legal Immigration	Concerns with Legal Immigration
"Put your fact in exact words with a full citation" (Author's Last Name)	"Put your fact in exact words with a full citation" (Author's Last Name)
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# Rubric

The rubric is a mixture of checklist and sliding scales. Your research and argumentative paragraphs are each a checklist, in which each check is worth the stated number or points. The Works Cited page and the citations for your paragraph are each sliding scales in which you will score one score based on the quality for that category.

## Research

Research Total \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ Table of research is complete and correctly set up (2 pts)
- \_\_\_ Facts in the table are all cited (3 pts)
- \_\_\_ No more than two facts per source (5 pts)
- \_\_\_ Source reliability checklists are all complete (5 pts)

## Works Cited page

Works Cited \_\_\_\_\_

- 10-all sources have required information and are correctly handled
- 9- all sources have required information but may have small, inconsistent formatting errors (ie. punct.)
- 8-most sources have the required information *or* some general format errors (ie. alph/indent)
- 6-missing some required information in most *or* major formatting errors
- 5-all sources are missing some required information and/or major concerns

## Argumentative Paragraph

Paragraph Total \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ Begins with topic sentence that clearly states claim. (3 pts)
- \_\_\_ Includes at least two facts from the research table to support your claim (excluding your refutation to the counterclaim) (5 pts)
- \_\_\_ Provides a clear and effective counterclaim (3 pts)
- \_\_\_ Clearly and effectively refutes the counterclaim (3 pts)
- \_\_\_ All facts used are accurately paraphrased (3 pts)
- \_\_\_ Ends on topic sentence restatement that clearly restates claim. (3 pts)

## Paragraph citations

Citations \_\_\_\_\_

- 5-all facts correctly cited/handled
- 4-one incorrect citation
- 3-two or more incorrect citations
- 0-no citations

Project Total \_\_\_\_\_/50