



**Social Studies Grade 9
Scoring Guide for
Released Item 21
Motorcycle Safety
Fall 2007**



DECISION MAKING

Directions: You will be asked to take a position on the public policy issue: **“Should the United States government require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets?”**

It should take about 20 minutes for you to complete your response.

Choose information from the following data sections, and use it with what you know to support your position.

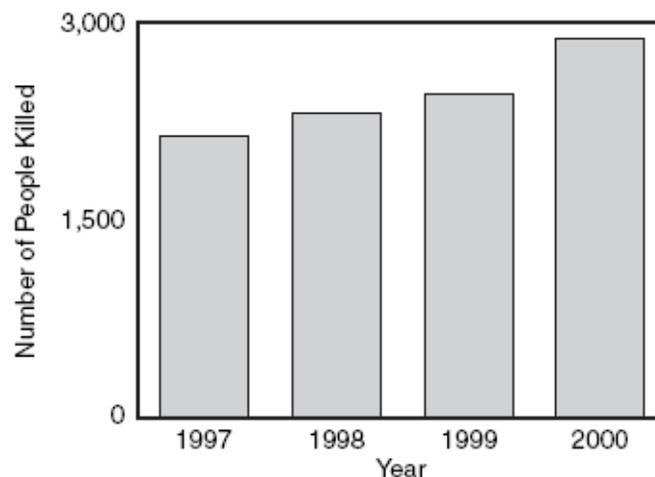
MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

The number of motorcycle riders in the United States has increased over the last ten years. Currently there is a debate in Congress over legislation requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets. Some people think that many serious and fatal injuries could be avoided if the government required motorcyclists to wear helmets. Congress collected the following information about helmet use to help with their decision.

DATA SECTION**Part A**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration determined that the number of people involved in fatal motorcycle accidents increased 30% between 1997 and 2000.

Fatal Motorcycle Accidents in the United States, 1997-2000



Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

DATA SECTION (continued)**Part B**

Currently each state has its own helmet law. This table shows the helmet laws in selected states and the percent of traffic deaths that are motorcycle riders.

Deaths of Motorcycle Riders in Traffic Accidents, 2003

Selected State	Helmet Law	Percent of Total Traffic Deaths
Alabama	Required for all riders	5.1
California	Required for all riders	9.1
Connecticut	Required for riders under 18	9.5
Indiana	Required for riders under 18	9.7
Iowa	No helmet use required	11.6
Wisconsin	No helmet use required	12.1

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

21 Taking a Stand

You will now take a stand on the public policy issue:

“Should the United States government require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets?”

You may either support or oppose a United States government proposal to require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets. Write a letter to your state representative explaining your position on the issue.

You will be graded on the following criteria. Your letter must include:

- a clear and supported statement of your position;
- supporting information using a core democratic value of American constitutional democracy;
- supporting knowledge (it is not enough to state your opinion) from history, geography, civics (other than the core democratic values), or economics; and
- supporting information from the Data Section.

- Remember:**
- Write or print neatly on the lines provided in your **Answer Document** using a No. 2 pencil.
 - No additional sheets may be used.
 - Nothing written in this booklet will be scored.

Some Core Democratic Values of American Constitutional Democracy

Fundamental Beliefs

Life
 Liberty
 The Pursuit of Happiness
 Public or Common Good
 Justice
 Equality
 Diversity
 Truth
 Popular Sovereignty
 Patriotism

Constitutional Principles

The Rule of Law
 Separation of Powers
 Representative Government
 Checks and Balances
 Freedom of Speech
 Freedom of Religion
 Federalism
 Civilian Control of the Military

Holistic Feature Scoring of Civic Writing: Grade 9

Points	Description
4	<p>In order to receive a 4-point score, the response must</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give a clearly stated position on the issue and support their position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Students should use words such as support/oppose, for/against, agree/disagree, or should/should not – Do not accept those who do not take a stand, who say someone else (parents, school, or government) should decide the issue 2. Provide at least one supporting point that is based on the Core Democratic Values of American constitutional democracy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Do not accept if this support contradicts stated position 3. Provide at least one piece of accurate, important and relevant supporting social studies information that comes from the student's prior knowledge of civics, economics, geography, or history (information other than that supplied by the Data Section or a Core Democratic Value) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Do not accept feelings or opinions for this element. – Do not accept if this support contradicts stated position. 4. Provide at least one piece of accurate, valid, and relevant supporting information from the Data Section <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Do not accept if this support contradicts stated position – Data interpretations must be more right than wrong
3	<p>In order to receive a 3-point score, the response must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give a clearly stated and supported position on the issue • contain at least 2 of the remaining 3 elements
2	<p>In order to receive a 2-point score, the response must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give a clearly stated and supported position on the issue • contain at least 1 of the remaining 3 elements
1	<p>In order to receive a 1-point score, the response must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give a clearly stated and supported position on the issue
0	<p>Response shows no evidence of a clear position or the position is not supported in any way.</p>

NOTE: The supporting points used by students must be explained in enough detail to show a clear connection to the position taken.

Anchor Paper 1 – Score Point 4

To whoever this may concern,
The United States government should require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets. Motorcycles are dangerous machines that go fast + have very little protection. Without the use of a helmet, the lives of our fellow Americans is put right in the untrusting hands of fate.

As you may very well know, the CDV "life" means the right to life. Well, EVERYONE in the good ol' USA has the right to life unless they threaten or take lives of others. Now, most of these motorcyclists haven't hurt or threatened people's lives. Why would we want to allow them to put their life in danger? America cannot allow motorcyclists to decrease their life expectancy just because they didn't wear a helmet.

From my prior knowledge there have been numerous laws enforced to protect our citizens. The most common law is the "click it or ticket" one. As you are aware, this enforces car drivers to wear a seatbelt. Since this law has been passed, fewer car related deaths

or injuries has occurred. A car is safer than a motorcycle. There is no reason why a motorcycle rider should have less protection than that of a driver in a car.

In data section "Part B" it shows that in Alabama the percent deaths by motorcycles was only 5.1% with the law stating riders should wear a helmet. In Wisconsin the total traffic death percentage was 12.1%. That's over twice the percentage of a state the required helmets.

So, in conclusion, the United States government should require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets

Anchor Paper 1
Score Point 4

Position (P) – The response gives a clearly stated position on the issue (*The United States government should require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets.*) and supports the position.

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – The response provides a supporting point (Life) that is based on core democratic values of American constitutional democracy. (...the CDV "life" means the right to life...everyone in the good ol' USA has the right to life...Why would we want to allow them to put their life in danger? America cannot allow motorcyclists to decrease their life expectancy...)

Prior Knowledge (PK) – The response provides at least one piece of accurate, valid, and relevant supporting social studies information from the student's prior knowledge. (...there have been numerous laws enforced to protect our citizens. The Most common law is the "click it or ticket" one...this enforces car drivers to wear a seatbelt... There is no reason why a motorcycle rider should have less protection than that of a driver of car.)

Data (D) – The response provides accurate, valid, and relevant supporting information from the Data Section. (*In the data section "Part B" it shows that in Alabama the percent deaths by motorcycles was only 5.1% with the law stating riders should wear a helmet. In Wisconsin the total traffic death percentage was 12.1%. That's over twice the percentage of a state the require helmets.*)

Anchor Paper 2 – Score Point 4

Dear State Representative,
There has been an increase in motorcycle accidents in the past four years. All of the accidents have been fatal. Almost 3,000 people have been killed in a motorcycle accident. I believe that I can help the number of people that die in motorcycle accidents decrease. I think that the United States government should require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets.

The core democratic value that supports my position is Life. Every person has the right to live. If the U.S. government doesn't require motorcycle riders to wear a helmet, it is taking life away from people.

The United States government has a job to protect their country and their people. Making a law that will save many lives is requiring riders to wear helmets. People love the freedom to live, but we need to be protected.

My knowledge in previous social study classes support my argument. I have learned how a bill

becomes a law. It just takes one person to realize a problem. That one person is me. I have recognized a problem and I am asking you for help. I also know that the representatives have a vote in passing the bill. I hope that you have connections with the President. If you do, maybe you can talk him into passing the motorcycle helmet idea into a law. 😊

I have data that supports my position. The number of people involved in fatal motorcycle accidents increased 30% between 1997 and 2000. Think of the percentage of accidents from 2000 to now. I know it has increased. There are states that already have laws that require helmets for motorcycle riders. The states that have laws have 5.1% to 9.1% of total traffic deaths. The states that don't have laws that require motorcycle riders have 11.6% to 17.1% of total traffic deaths.

The increase in motorcycle accidents needs to stop. A law that requires riders to wear a helmet will help prevent the increase in accidents. If that idea is passed into a law, the number of motorcycle accidents will decrease. Help save people's lives and have the U.S. government require motorcycle riders to wear helmets,
From,

Anchor Paper 2**Score Point 4**

Position (P) – The response gives a clearly stated position on the issue (*I think that the United States government should require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets.*) and supports the position.

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – The response provides a supporting point (Life) that is based on core democratic values of American constitutional democracy. (*The Core Democratic Value that supports my position is Life. Every person has the right to live. If the U.S. government doesn't require motorcycle riders to wear a helmet, it is taking life away from people...a law that will save many lives...*)

Prior Knowledge (PK) – The response provides at least one piece of accurate, valid, and relevant supporting social studies information from the student's prior knowledge. (*...I have learned how a bill becomes a law...I have recognized a problem and I am asking you for help. I also know that the representatives have a vote in passing the bill...passing the motorcycle helmet idea into a law.*) Response indicates some knowledge about how laws are made.

Data (D) – The response provides accurate, valid, and relevant supporting information from the Data Section. In the first paragraph it notes that (*There has been an increase in motorcycle accidents in the past four years...Almost 3,000 people have been killed in a motorcycle accident.*) Later, on the second page, additional information is offered. (*The number of people involved in fatal motorcycle accidents increased 30% between 1997 and 2000....The states that have laws have 5.1% to 9.1% of total traffic deaths. The states that don't have laws that require motorcycle riders have 11.6% to 12.1% of total traffic deaths.*)

Anchor Paper 3 – Score Point 4

I strongly believe that all motorcycle riders should be required by law to wear helmets. Studies have shown that you are less likely to die in an accident while wearing a helmet; the state of Alabama has a law that you must wear a helmet, and only 5.1% of traffic deaths were motorcycleists. California, on the other hand, who does not have a law for wearing helmets, has a motorcycleist death percentage of 12.1. The number of people killed has increased by 30% between 1997 and 2000. Only three years! Making a law would hopefully stop a trend like this from forming. My feelings also support the fundamental belief of life, which everyone is entitled to. A law for wearing helmets would hopefully save many lives, which, in turn is good for Michigan; more lives means more people, which means more workers. So, please consider proposing that Michigan have the law of wearing helmets. Thank you.

Anchor Paper 3
Score Point 4

Position (P) – The response gives a clearly stated position on the issue (*I strongly believe that all motorcycle riders should be required by law to wear helmets.*) and supports the position.

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – The response provides a supporting point (Life) that is based on core democratic values of American constitutional democracy. (*...the fundamental belief in life, which everyone is entitled to. A law for wearing helmets would hopefully save many lives...*) Mention of saving lives indicates possibility of loss of life or risk to life.

Prior Knowledge (PK) – The response provides at least one piece of accurate, valid, and relevant supporting social studies information from the student's prior knowledge. (*...which, in turn, is good for Michigan; more lives means more people, which means more workers.*) Response indicates some knowledge of the economic impact of population trends in Michigan.

Data (D) – The response provides a preponderance of accurate, valid, and relevant supporting information from the Data Section and therefore receives credit. (*...the state of Alabama has a law that you must wear a helmet, and only 5.1% of traffic deaths were motorcycleists ... The number of people killed has increased by 30% between 1997 and 2000.*)

Anchor Paper 4 – Score Point 3

Should the United States government require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets? Yes, in my opinion all riders should wear a helmet. It is for their own good and for their safety if they don't want their bones broken or their blood everywhere.

A Core Democratic Value that supports my opinion in the matter is Life. The lives of people are at risk here. Over the years more people think it's "cool" to not wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle, when it could save the very life they are jeopardizing. For instance, if a rider got into a nasty spill the helmet could save them from cracking their skull which could come to brain damage, or death or much agonizing pain.

I myself have seen over the years that people who drive cars are just getting sloppy and causing more accidents. With talking on the phone, talking to passengers instead of concentrating on the road, looking for things while driving, being in a hurry, smoking, I mean the list can go on forever.

To support my position of all motorcycle riders to wear a helmet is data from Part A. Between the years 1997 to 2000 there has been an increase of 30% in fatal motorcycle accidents in the United States. I mean, common people, US citizens are dying here because they refuse to wear a helmet when it could save their life. More data that supports my position is in Part B. As you know certain states already have helmet requirements, such as Alabama and California.

Alabama have a required law for all riders to wear helmets. Alabama's percentage of death by motorcycle is 8.1%. In California it is 9.1%, but I mean, come on, its California. Connecticut and Indiana have a law for riders under 18 must wear helmets. Connecticut's percentage is 9.5 and Indiana's is 9.7. Places like Iowa and Wisconsin have no helmet requirement for any age. Iowa's death percentage is 11.6 and Wisconsin is 12.1.

As you can see from the data above, more people are dying with the less use of helmet laws. For the safety of US citizens I say that we should make it required for all states to have a helmet requirement.

Anchor Paper 4
Score Point 3

Position (P) – The response gives a clearly stated position on the issue (Yes, in my opinion all riders should wear a helmet.) and supports the position.

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – The response provides a supporting point (Life) that is based on core democratic values of American constitutional democracy. (A Core Democratic Value that supports my opinion in the matter is Life. The lives of people are at risk here...it could save the very life they are jeopardizing...the helmet could save them from...death or much agonizing pain.)

Prior Knowledge (PK) – No credit; response does not offer or demonstrate any prior social studies knowledge.

Data (D) – The response provides accurate, valid, and relevant supporting information from the Data Section. The fourth paragraph states that (Between the years 1997 and 2000 there has been an increase of 30% in fatal motorcycle accidents in the United States...As you know certain states already have helmet requirements, such as Alabama and California. Alabama has required for all riders to wear helmets. Alabama's percentage of death by motorcycle is 5.1%. In California it is 9.1%...Connecticut and Indiana have a law for riders under 18 must wear helmets. Connecticut's percentage is 9.5 and Indiana's is 9.7. Places like Iowa and Wisconsin have no helmet requirement for any age. Iowa's death percentage is 11.6 and Wisconsin is 12.1).

Anchor Paper 5 – Score Point 3

I do not think that the United States government should require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets because the only people they are hurting is themselves. It is a fundamental American belief that everyone is entitled to liberty. People should be allowed to make their own decisions, even if there is some risk involved. So long as it does not interfere with anyone else's rights you should be allowed to choose whether or not to wear a helmet.

If you look at California's percent of total traffic deaths it is almost as much as Connecticut and Indiana's percent of total traffic deaths. This suggests that the higher level of deaths may just be a regional thing or a coincidence.

Also in recent years more people would be buying motorcycles, which would mean more accidents. It may not necessarily be that the reason for more deaths is helmets, but rather it is because we have more motorcycle riders. More riders means more accidents which means more deaths.

Anchor Paper 5**Score Point 3**

Position (P) – The response gives a clearly stated position on the issue (*I do not think that the United States government should require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets*) and supports the position (*because the only people they are hurting is themselves.*)

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – The response provides a supporting point (Liberty) that is based on core democratic values of American constitutional democracy. (*It is a fundamental American belief that everyone is entitled to liberty. People should be allowed to make their own decisions, even if there is some risk involved...you should be allowed to choose whether or not to wear a helmet.*)

Prior Knowledge (PK) – No credit; response does not offer or demonstrate any prior social studies knowledge.

Data (D) – The response provides accurate, valid, and relevant supporting information from the Data Section. (*If you look at California's percent or total traffic deaths it is almost as much as Connecticut and Indiana's percent of total traffic deaths. This suggests that the higher level of deaths may just be a regional thing or a coincidence.*)

Anchor Paper 6 – Score Point 3

I believe the United States government should require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets.

The core democratic value that supports my position is common good. If motorcyclists do not wear helmets, then the chance of an accident being fatal is higher. When someone dies, it affects many, many people. The government can do something about this problem, and if they do pass a law requiring helmet use for motorcyclists, it will positively affect all the family and friends that would have lost someone due to a fatal accident. This, therefore, means that if this law is passed, then it will be for the common good of the people in the U.S.

I myself have a family member that owns and uses a motorcycle. This person is my father. If he were to die via a motorcycle accident because he wasn't wearing a helmet, I would be devastated. The passing of this law could prevent the death of one of my family members, making my position on this topic very strong.

There is also significant data supporting my position. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration composed a bar graph determining the amount of people involved

in fatal motorcycle accidents between 1997 and 2000. The number of people killed over this time period increased 30%. Almost 500 more people were killed due to fatal motorcycle accidents in 2000 from 1997. If a helmet law would have been passed in 1997, I can be certain that the rate of deaths would have decreased from 1997-2000.

The information given in this paper has strongly put my position in favor of the government passing a law stating that all motorcyclists must wear helmets.

Anchor Paper 6

Score Point 3

Position (P) – The response gives a clearly stated position on the issue (*I believe the United States government should require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets.*) and supports the position.

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – The response provides a supporting point (Life mislabeled as Common Good) that is based on core democratic values of American constitutional democracy. (*The core democratic value that supports my position is common good. If motorcyclists do not wear helmets, then the chance of an accident being fatal is higher. When someone dies...*) Mention of (*fatal*) and (*dies*) indicates the CDV of Life. A CDV can be mislabeled or unnamed and still receive credit (See Annotated Scoring Guide on our website for discussion of mislabeled or unnamed CDVs: www.mi.gov/meap). While the response mentions Common Good, it does not develop the required explanation for credit. The required elements are a description of who benefits, an acknowledgment of who is negatively affected or what is sacrificed, and the sacrifice must be explicitly expressed.

Prior Knowledge (PK) – No credit; response does not offer or demonstrate any prior social studies knowledge. Personal anecdotes about a family member do not constitute prior social studies knowledge.

Data (D) – The response provides accurate, valid, and relevant supporting information from the Data Section. (*...a bar graph determining the amount of people involved in fatal motorcycle accidents between 1997 and 2000. The number of people killed over this time period increased 30%. Almost 500 more people were killed due to fatal motorcycle accidents in 2000 from 1997.*)

Anchor Paper 7 – Score Point 3

Dear Sir,

I support a United States government proposal to require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets for the following reasons:

The core democratic value that supports my position is common good. I chose that core democratic value because it would be good for the United States and it would be good for the motorcyclists. If the motorcyclists is wearing a helmet, the chances are that if they fall they won't get severely hurt. It would benefit the United States because fewer deaths will occur.

The supporting knowledge that supports my position is history. In the past many states has not passed a law requiring all motorcycle riders to wear helmets. Therefore, when a motorcycle crash occurs, the motorcycle rider dies or is brain damaged.

Information from the data section that supports my position is that states such as Alabama and California, who require that all riders wear helmets, had fewer traffic deaths. States such as Connecticut and Indiana, who require helmets for riders under 18, had a little more deaths than Alabama & California, but not too much more. Iowa and Wisconsin, who

require no helmet use had many deaths.

Anchor Paper 7**Score Point 3**

Position (P) – The response gives a clearly stated position on the issue (*I support a United States government proposal to require all motorcycle riders to wear helmet.*) and supports the position.

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – The response provides a supporting point (Life mislabeled Common Good) that is based on core democratic values of American constitutional democracy. (*The core democratic value that supports my position is common good...It will benefit the United States because fewer deaths will occur.*)

Prior Knowledge (PK) – No credit; response does not offer or demonstrate any prior social studies knowledge.

Data (D) – The response provides accurate, valid, and relevant supporting information from the Data Section. (*...states such as Alabama and California, who require that all riders wear helmets, had fewer traffic deaths. States such as Connecticut and Indiana, who require helmets for riders under 18, had a little more deaths than Alabama & California, but not too much. Iowa and Wisconsin, who require no helmet use had many deaths.*)

Anchor Paper 8 – Score Point 2

Dear Representative,

I believe that all people no matter how old they are should have to wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle because since 1997-2000 the number of people involved with fatal motorcycle accidents has increased 30%. If you pass a law saying that people have to wear a helmet I think that there will be less fatal accidents.

Sincerely,

Anchor Paper 8
Score Point 2

Position (P) – The response gives a clearly stated position on the issue (*I believe that all people no matter how old they are should have to wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle...*) and supports the position.

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – No credit; response does not provide a supporting point that is based on core democratic values of American constitutional democracy.

Prior Knowledge (PK) – No credit; response does not offer or demonstrate any prior social studies knowledge.

Data (D) – The response provides accurate, valid, and relevant supporting information from the Data Section. (*...since 1997-2000 the number of people involved with fatal motorcycle accidents has increased 30%.*)

Anchor Paper 9 – Score Point 2

I support the fact that the United States government should require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets. Helmets are a very important item/softwear when driving a motorcycle. If they don't wear one there at a big risk. Now about with all of your drunk drivers not paying any attention to what's going on in the streets. The core Democratic Value is LIFE. If you drive a motorcycle and don't wear a helmet your at risk of losing your life. Inless those are your intentions of dying then Be safe wear a helmet.

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Anchor Paper 9
Score Point 2

Position (P) – The response gives a clearly stated position on the issue (*I support the fact that the United States government should require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets.*) and supports the position.

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – The response provides a supporting point (Life) that is based on core democratic values of American constitutional democracy. (*The Core Democratic Value is LIFE. If your drive a motorcycle and don't wear a helmet your at risk of losing your Life.*)

Prior Knowledge (PK) – No credit; response does not offer or demonstrate any prior social studies knowledge.

Data (D) – No credit; response does not offer any supporting point from the Data section.

Anchor Paper 10 – Score Point 2

I think you should not have to wear a helmet if you don't want to. It should be your choice its your body. So you you should do with it what you want. What if your head don't feel comfortable with a helmet on it is it fair you have to wear one. Its your life Live it how you want to

Anchor Paper 10 Score Point 2

Position (P) – The response gives a clearly stated position on the issue (*I think you should not have to wear a helmet if you don't want to.*) and supports the position.

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – The response provides a supporting point (Liberty/choice) that is based on core democratic values of American constitutional democracy. (*It should be your choice its your body. So you should do with it what you want...Its your life live it how you want to.*) While the CDV is not labeled, (*choice*) clearly refers to the CDV of Liberty.

Prior Knowledge (PK) – No credit; response does not offer or demonstrate any prior social studies knowledge.

Data (D) – No credit; response does not offer any supporting point from the Data section.

Anchor Paper 11 – Score Point 1

Yes the United States Government require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets for safety. For example - if you fall from the motor cycle and hit your head on to the ground you will not get hurt because the helmet would have protected you.

**Anchor Paper 11
Score Point 1**

Position (P) – The response gives a clearly stated position on the issue (*Yes the United States Government require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets for safety.*) and supports the position (*For example – if you fall from a motor cycle and hit your head on to the ground you will not get hurt because the helmet would have protected you.*)

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – No credit; response does not provide a supporting point that is based on core democratic values of American constitutional democracy.

Prior Knowledge (PK) – No credit; response does not offer or demonstrate any prior social studies knowledge.

Data (D) – No credit; response does not offer any supporting point from the Data section.

Anchor Paper 12 – Score Point 1

Dear State representative

I think it should be a law that motorcycle riders should have to wear helmets.

I think they should wear helmets because if they were to get in an accident than they would be more safe. The core democratic value im going to use is Common Good. I choose Common Good because when they get in accidents than the people they get in a accident with won't feel as bad. That's why I think that motorcycle riders should wear helmets.

Sincerely,

Anchor Paper 12
Score Point 1

Position (P) – The response gives a clearly stated position on the issue (*I think it should be a law that motorcycle riders should have to wear helmets.*) and supports the position (*...they should wear helmets because if they were to get in an accident than they would be more safe.*)

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – No credit; the response mentions Common Good but does not develop the required explanation for credit. The required elements are: a description of who benefits, an acknowledgment of who is negatively affected or what is sacrificed, and the sacrifice must be explicitly expressed.

Prior Knowledge (PK) – No credit; response does not offer or demonstrate any prior social studies knowledge.

Data (D) – No credit; response does not offer any supporting point from the Data section.

Anchor Paper 13 – Score Point 1

I think that motorcycle riders should not have to wear a helmet. If they crash then they crash they always have the opportunity to put one on. They also have the right. If they had on a helmet they might not have any fun.

**Anchor Paper 13
Score Point 1**

Position (P) – The response gives a clearly stated position on the issue (*I think that motorcycle riders should not have to wear a helmet.*) and supports the position (*If they crash then they crash they always have the opportunity to put one on...If they had on a helmet they might not have any fun.*).

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – No credit; while the response mentions a right (*They also have the right.*), this is too vague and not sufficiently developed to identify a specific CDV.

Prior Knowledge (PK) – No credit; response does not offer or demonstrate any prior social studies knowledge.

Data (D) – No credit; response does not offer any point from the Data section.

Anchor Paper 14 – Score Point 0

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN,
I DO support the federal government.
I feel all motorcyclists should wear helmets,

**Anchor Paper 14
Score Point 0**

Position (P) – No credit is given for position; although the response gives a clearly stated position on the issue (*I feel all motorcyclists should wear helmets,*), it offers no support for the position.

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – No credit; response does not provide a supporting point that is based on core democratic values of American constitutional democracy.

Prior Knowledge (PK) – No credit; response does not offer or demonstrate any prior social studies knowledge.

Data (D) – No credit; response does not offer any supporting point from the Data section.

Anchor Paper 15 – Score Point 0

I think all motorcycle riders should not be forced to wear helmets. But...
 It is not safe with out them. But to keep every one happy you should not require anyone over the age of 18 to wear helmets. In not very populated states. Like in California & Ohio should have to wear helmets because there is a lot more traffic then states like Texas. So you should only make really populated states wear helmets.

Anchor Paper 15 Score Point 0

Position (P) – No credit is given, as the response has no clear position. It begins with one apparent position (*I think all motorcycle riders should not be forced to wear helmets.*) but then offers support for a different position (*But...It is not safe with out them*) and then proceeds with positions different from the initial one offered (*...you should not require anyone over the age of 18 to wear helmets ...you should only make a really populated states wear helmets.*)

Core Democratic Value (CDV) – No credit; response does not provide a supporting point that is based on core democratic values of American constitutional democracy.

Prior Knowledge (PK) – No credit; response does not offer or demonstrate any prior social studies knowledge.

Data (D) – No credit; response does not offer any supporting point from the Data section.