

Presidential Paragraphs

Student Name _____

Directions:

Using the T-chart assignment:

- Under the THEN section, write a brief paragraph about Wilson’s campaign slogan, “He Kept Us out of War,” and the events that caused Wilson to declare war.
- Under the NOW section, write a brief paragraph about a campaign promise of the current president and the events that led to not fulfilling that promise.

You will be graded using the rubric below:

CATEGORY	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point	Score
Content	Topic/subject is clear and explicitly stated.	Topic/subject is generally clear though it may not be explicitly stated.	Topic/subject may be vague.	Topic/subject is unclear or confusing.	
Paragraph Construction	Paragraph(s) have three or more supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea.	Paragraph(s) have two supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea.	Paragraph(s) have one supporting detail sentence that relates back to the main idea.	Paragraph(s) have no supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea.	
Capitalization & Punctuation	Writer makes no errors in capitalization or punctuation, so the paper is exceptionally easy to read.	Writer makes 1 or 2 errors in capitalization or punctuation, but the paper is still easy to read.	Writer makes 3-4 errors in capitalization and/or punctuation that catch the reader's attention and interrupt the flow.	Writer makes more than 4 errors in capitalization and/or punctuation that catch the reader's attention and greatly interrupt the flow.	
Grammar & Spelling	Writer makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Writer makes 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Writer makes 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Writer makes more than 4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	
Accuracy of Facts (Content)	All supportive events are detailed accurately.	Almost all supportive events are detailed accurately.	Some supportive events are detailed inaccurately.	No events are described or events given are inaccurate.	

Total _____