

Presidential Election Paragraph

Write a paragraph that compares the positions of Barack Obama and John McCain on one or more the major campaign issues of the 2008 Presidential Election.

General Requirements

- 1) **Double-Bubble Thinking map used a prewriting:** turn this in with your final draft. _____ / 2
- 2) **Rough draft resubmitted with revision:** turn in your rough draft with the final. Show your **revisions** and **editing**. _____ / 3
- 3) **Final draft**
 - a) Must be **typed** (12pt, standard/regular font) **or** neatly handwritten in black ink.
 - b) Include a **topic sentence** that states the issue (Iraq, the environment, etc)
 - c) Include a description of **each** candidate's position on the issue using at least two details about each candidate. _____ / 5
 - d) End your paragraph with a similarity that the two candidates share using a transitional phrase.
 - e) Your paragraph must be at least 4 sentences long.
 - f) Use conventions such as indenting, correct spelling, and ending punctuation. **Write a paragraph, not a list of ideas.**
- 4) **Challenge Option:** Write another paragraph on a second campaign issue. Follow the format for the final draft described above.

Content Assessment

- 1) **Ideas and Content:** Writing gives specific details and factual information (**no personal opinions**). Writing includes examples such as specific references to media and news sources. Writing reflects thought and insight into the issue, and the writing is well informed about the candidates and issues. _____ / 5
- 2) **Organization:** Paragraph is organized with a clear topic sentence and supporting evidence. Sequencing of ideas is logical and effective. Paragraph includes at least one transitional phrase (such as "although" or "on the other hand"). _____ / 5

Total Points _____ / 20

