

## **Reflections on the State of the Union Address**

### **Essay Outline**

#### **I. Introduction (10 points)**

- A. Description of history and purpose of the state of the union
  - Why the address is needed, the first address, and which presidents changed how the address was given
  - Intro should be at least 2 paragraphs

#### **II. What you expect (10 points)**

- A. Cover the five issues you hope to see the president address and discuss why for each one
  - Explain how the president can make his speech relevant to you as a high school student

#### **III. Review of the president's speech (15 points)**

- A. Describe the president's energy and if he kept your attention during the speech
- B. Explain one issue the president specifically covered that caught your attention
- C. Describe the actions proposed by the president in the State of the Union speech to address this issue.
- D. How effective do you think the president's plan is? **Support** your position.

#### **III. Conclusion (10 points)**

- A. Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the president's State of the Union Address as a whole.
- B. What do you hope to see come from this speech and do you think it will lead to anything?