**St. James High School**

**Course: CLN 4U Canadian And International Law**

**Teacher:** Mr. J. Cummings

**Due Date:**

**ESSAY**

Write a 500 word essay supporting or opposing a change to a specific law. You should select a particular **Canadian Law (or Ontario),** and research the applicable background information. In your essay, you should summarize and describe the law, identify and discuss the issues with the law (historical and contemporary), examine the positive and negative aspects of the law. You should formulate and include a thesis arguing your support or criticism of the law in its present state. You should also conclude with a summary identifying your views on what you think will happen with the issue in the future. Your essay should include well organized body paragraph(s) which utilizes research to support your thesis.

**Areas of focus:**

* Rejection of Sharia Law in Ontario
* Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (with marijuana prohibition as main issue)
* Canadian Copyright law (Bill C-11 currently being introduced)
* Abortion law (Bill C-150 with legalization of abortion as main issue)
* Ontario Cell Phone Ban (Bill 118)
* Citizen arrest law (refer to what is currently being considered by the Conservatives)
* Youth Criminal Justice Act (treating capital offenses differently for young offenders)
* Canada’s Hate Speech Law (Section13 of the CHRA with violation of free speech as issue)
* Accepting Schools Act (Ontario with penalties regarding bullies as main issue)
* Prostitution Law Reform
* Anti-terrorism Act (whether rights are being violated)

\* 2 Pages typed

\* 3 sources (one newspaper- can be online newspaper)

\* Proper MLA format (including in text citations) or footnotes

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|  | **Level** | **Level** | **Level** | **Level** | **Level** | **Mark** | **Comments** |
| **Understanding of topic (K)**  *Describes and summarizes important aspects of law.* | R | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | /20 |  |
| **Analysis (T)**  *Analyzes both sides of the legal issue* | R | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | /10 |  |
| **Thesis (T)**  *Formulates a main argument on the legal law being studied.* | R | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | /5 |  |
| **Communication Skill (C)**  *Information is communicated with clarity and conciseness including proper grammar, spelling and sentence structure.* | R | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | /15 |  |
| **Citations (A)**  *Shows ability to cite information in text and proper works cited.* | R | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | /20 |  |

Level 4- High Level

Level 3- Considerable

Level 2- Moderate

Level 1- Limited

Level R- Inadequate/ Incomplete