

Position Response: Social Studies 10-1

Examine the following source and respond to the question that follows:

“Millions of people a day are better off than they would have been without those trends and developments , without globalization , without the developments of increased international commerce, and that’s all [for] the good. And very few people have been harmed by it.”

Dick Cheney Former U.S Vice President

➤ **To what extent does globalization contribute to economic sustainability for all peoples of the world?**

- Write an essay in which you:

- Identify the perspective(s) reflected in the source.
- Establish and argue a position in response to the question under discussion
- Support your position by using evidence from your knowledge of Social Studies

Writing a Position Paper in Social Studies

Taking and Defending a Position:

Do not base your position on what you feel but **what you know**. In other words, which arguments for or against health care do you know the best. For example:

FOR

- Government system is too expensive
- People abuse free health care
- Private health care is better and more efficient

AGAINST

- Many people cannot afford to buy their own health care insurance - Rich would get better health care than the poor
- Health care costs can bankrupt people
- Lower costs for businesses - do not need to pay health care insurance to attract employees

2. Paragraph One

1) Sentence One

- *State your position.* For example: **I believe that health-care in Canada should be privatized; OR I do not believe that health-care in Canada should be privatized.**

2) Sentence Two

- *State the first reason for your position. For example:*
First, the public system costs taxpayers too much money.

3) Sentence Three

- *State the second reason for your position. For example:*
Second, people tend to abuse healthcare if it is free and provided by the state.

4) Sentence Four

- *State the third and last reason for your position. For example:*
Finally, private healthcare is usually better and more efficient.

5) Concluding Sentence or sentences.

- *Summarize the reasons for your opinion or explanation. For example:*
For these reasons it is better that healthcare be provided by private companies, rather than funded by the government from taxpayers' money.

3. Paragraphs 2-4:

Paragraph 2: Explain/give support and evidence for Reason 1 (from introduction)

Paragraph 3: Explain/give support and evidence for Reason 2

Paragraph 4: Explain/give support and evidence for Reason 3.

Paragraph 5 - Concluding Paragraph

Use this paragraph to summarize your argument.

If the essay is taking and defending a position, use this paragraph to **summarize why you are right.**
Emphasize the strongest reasons that you have provided **as to why you are right.**