**Newlandia Constitution Rubric**

**DUE 26 APR**

Your team has been selected as government experts to write a constitution for the recently formed country of Newlandia. Your team will chose either a parliamentary or presidential form of democracy. Your constitution will have a preamble (your main ideas about government), articles (how the government is selected and how it rules), and a bill of rights (a list of the key rights of the citizens). The jobs for this project are as follows:

1. Researcher – responsible for finding at least 3 sources on constitutional governments. Also responsible for producing a mindmap that has notes corresponding to the preamble, articles, and bill of rights of constitutional governments.
2. Preamble Writer – responsible for writing a preamble, 75 word minimum, that clearly illustrates 3 ideas of government that your group has identified as key to your new constitution and government. (DRAFT DUE 13 APR)
3. Article Writer – responsible for at least 3 articles, 1 for each branch of government, that list each branch’s election process, requirements for service and responsibilities (DRAFT DUE 13 APR)
4. Amendment (Bill of Rights) Writer – responsible for at least 5 bills guaranteeing specific rights for the Newlandians. (DRAFT DUE 13 APR)
5. Orator – this can be a 5th job or a second job of a group member. Responsible for a persuasive speech of at least 2 minutes to be given to Newlandia’s representatives to explain to them the advantages of your constitution and why they should ratify it.

Point scale as follows:

* 1. Works Cited List (20pts)
     1. 10pts – Minimum 3 sources listed on a correctly formatted works cited page (per MLA)
     2. 10pts – Mindmap with notes for each of 3 sections of your constitution
  2. Preamble (20pts)
     1. 10pts – Minimum 75 words that clearly give a vision and voice to the document
     2. 10pts – Spelling and grammar are correct
  3. Articles (20pts)
     1. 10pts – Minimum 3 articles that address how selection for each branch takes place and what their responsibilities are
     2. 10pts – Spelling and grammar are correct
  4. Bill of Rights (20pts)
     1. 10pts – 5 rights of Newlandia citizens provided for explicitly by national government
     2. 10pts – Spelling and grammar are correct
  5. Orator (20pts)
     1. 10pts – Speaks in a loud, clear voice with proper inflection for minimum 2 minutes
     2. 10pts – Provides 3 logical reasons why constitution should be ratified
  6. Teamwork Assessment (100pts listed as a separate grade)
     1. Each member of the group will assess the others on 3 categories and Mr. Millican will assess them on 1 additional category

**TEAMWORK ASSESMENT** Individual being rated\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

On a scale of 1 – 10, 10 being high/excellent please rate the following:

Treated others by the Golden Rule and contribute to a positive atmosphere

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Did their share of the work and stayed on task

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Took the lead and full responsibility for role in group

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Mr. Millican’s Section (only scored once)

Student was respectfully engaged in the project during class times

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10