

**DUE MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**One Page Essay**  
**(3hrs of Community Service)**

**Requirements:**

- Must be a minimum of one page long. An additional 2 hours of community service hours will be given for each additional page written.
- You can write more than one essay. 3 hours of community service will be given for each essay.
- Essays can be typed or hand-written.
- No plagiarism, no copy and pasting, make it your own.

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What is the reason you have been referred to Teen Court? The topic of your essay should be the reason you have been referred to Teen Court. Here is a list of what should/could be in your essay:

**-Possession of Marijuana:**

- What are negative effects of marijuana?
- What are some dangers of being under the influence of marijuana?
- Why is it illegal?

**-Possession of Dab Pen/THC Oil:**

- What are some dangers of THC Oil/Dab Pens?
- History of Dab Pen?
- What are negative effects of THC Oil/Dab Pens?
- Why is it a felony charge?

**-Possession of Alcohol under 21 Years of Age:**

- What are some negative effects of alcohol (especially on minors)?
- History of alcohol.
- Why do minors drink alcohol?

**-Battery/Fighting:**

- Look up the Florida State Statue for Battery & explain what a Battery is.
- What are Other ways to handle situations besides putting your hands on someone?
- What are some dangers of putting your hands on someone?
- If you feel angry, what are things or activities you can do, that might help with how you feel?

**-Sexting/Possession of explicit photographs:**

What is sexting?

How does possession work?

How does distributing work?

Who is most likely to send or receive sext messages? Girls or Boys?

What can happen to your future if you have this charge on your record?

**-Disruption of an Educational Institution:**

Why do students go to school?

Why should rules be followed at school?

Why do students act out at school?

Write about your incident, how it could have been avoided, and why you won't do anything like this again?

**-Petit Theft/Grand Theft:**

Look up the Florida State Statute. Learn and write about the differences between petit theft and grand theft.

Why is one a misdemeanor and the other a felony?

How does theft effect the victim?

How does theft effect the business?

How does theft effect the community?

**-Behavioral Issues/Defiant:**

Why are there rules at home?

Why are there rules at school?

Why are there rules in the community?

What would happen if no one followed rules?

Why do you think teens are defiant?

**-Harassment/Bullying/Cyber Bullying:**

What is bullying?

What are some reasons students are bullied?

What are some important reasons to not bully others?

What can be done to prevent or help with bullying?

**-Driving without a Driver's License:**

Why are there traffic laws?

Why is it important to follow the traffic laws?

What age group causes the most accidents?

How many accidents are caused by teens every year?

**-Criminal Mischief:**

Look up the Florida State Statute. Learn and write about what criminal mischief is.

When is criminal mischief a misdemeanor?

When is criminal mischief a felony?

How does theft effect the victim?

How does theft effect the business?

How does theft effect the community?

**-Truancy/Skipping School:**

What is Truancy?

Why is it important to go to school?

Why do students go to school?

What is the purpose of school?