

### **Teen Court CLA-Style Performance Task**

Based on the evidence provided and what I have gathered, the city should implement a teen court program to reduce juvenile crime.

1. The arguments for and against teen court can be found in Document A and Document B. Document A provides an argument for teen court by showing a success story of a former gang member who turned his life around after participating in a teen court program. On the other hand, Document B provides evidence of the effectiveness of a teen court program in reducing juvenile crime in a small town in NY.
2. The ethical implications of implementing teen court include the potential for bias, the need to ensure confidentiality for the offenders, and the need to protect the rights of the juveniles involved. These implications are not explicitly addressed in the provided documents, but they should be considered when implementing a teen court program.
3. The documents do not provide explicit information about diversity issues related to the use of the Teen Court. However, it is important to consider potential disparities in the justice system and to ensure that all juveniles are treated fairly and equally in a teen court program.
4. Document A provides a success story of a former gang member who turned his life around after participating in a teen court program. Document B provides evidence of the effectiveness of a teen court program in reducing juvenile crime in a small town in NY. Document C is a scholarly research article that studied teen court programs in four states and found significantly lower recidivism rates in two of the four programs. Document D is a report on a teen court program in Michigan that includes data on the number of cases

heard and the types of offenses. Document E is a data representation in a pie chart on the rate of people who are likely to graduate from Teen Court based on their ethnicity.

5. Based on the evidence provided, the city should implement a teen court program to reduce juvenile crime. The success stories provided in Document A and the evidence of effectiveness in Document B and Document C indicate that teen court programs can be successful in reducing juvenile crime rates. Additionally, teen court programs provide an alternative to the traditional juvenile justice system and can help juveniles avoid fines and clear their records.
6. To assist in the decision, I used all of the provided documents. Document A, Document B, and Document C were all credible sources because they provided specific examples and evidence to support their claims. Document D was moderately credible because it provided data on a specific teen court program but did not provide evidence of effectiveness. Document E was also moderately credible because it provided information on how to set up a teen court program but did not provide evidence of effectiveness.