Covid-19 has been affecting the world for two years now, and masks have been mandated worldwide. Covid-19 may be a huge part of life now, but it has been around in other forms for centuries. The three more modern forms of the disease in the past two decades have been Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), and the more commonly known Novel Corona Virus (Covid-19) as stated by the [National Foundation for Infectious Diseases](https://www.nfid.org/infectious-diseases/coronaviruses/). In 2019, Covid-19 originated from Wuhan, China within the animals sold at wet markets, which sell wild animals such as cobras, or boar. The virus then changed and was able to transfer from animals to humans. With the new virus’ known ability to kill, protective measures have been very important in the past two years. With that, a mask mandate has been issued in several states in America. The mask mandate is a requirement in several states that forces citizens to wear masks to prevent the spread of Covid-19. [The Center for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html) claims that, “when you wear a mask, you protect others as well as yourself. Masks work best when everyone wears one”. This statement has the thought of eliminating Covid-19 completely, though other people disagree. Some people claim that the mandate takes their freedom from them along with birth given rights. People even make protests to go against wearing the masks to defend their first amendment right of religion, expression and the right to protest. According to [BBC](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-53477121), people have been kicked out of public establishments and refused service because they didn’t wear a mask inside the building. An example of this is shown when a Michigan pizza place told a customer that she had to wear a mask. She responded by kicking someone in the restaurant and escaped the police. The same kind of responses can be seen from people who refuse to get a Covid-19 vaccine. BBC also claims that the fight against masks can be linked with politics. At the time of the most recent presidential election, Trump supporters refused to wear a mask more often than Biden supports. This makes sense because Trump would often opt out of wearing masks at election events. The fine line between opinions in politics has often caused riots to occur in public spaces. The argument on the mask mandate continues to unfold as the virus gets deadlier, but opinions have only gotten stronger in response to rules and regulations regarding masks.

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| **Project Portion** | **Ideal Criteria** | **Overall Feedback** |
| Introduction | * Engaging * Shows importance of question * Indicates major parts and content |  |
| Background | * Uses credible, neutral sources * Effectively and sufficiently explains essential information * Written objectively in own words * Well organized and focused paragraphs with transitions * Minimal error | For background it’s more important to write about what reasons were given for the mandate and what the mandate entailed, not the debate.  To try to show you how important paragraphs can be to see different points, I’ve put all of my direction that I expect you to follow in one long string in the comment. Do you see how frustrating it can be to just pack everything in one paragraph? You need to hunt for each point instead of knowing that points will be build into easy-to-read paragraphs. |
| Analysis | * Smooth transition from background * Summarizes accurately and in own words two opposing answers and one objective answer to the question * Recognizes and shows bias * Reasonable observations about how all sources make their arguments impactful * Well-organized and focused paragraphs with transitions * Minimal error |  |
| Response | * Smooth transition from analysis * Incorporates strong points from sources * Draws a reasonable and well-supported conclusion, answering the question * Provides satisfying conclusion to the project * Good transitions between focused paragraphs * Minimal error |  |