What is a mask mandate? What mask qualify for a mask mandate? When did the Covid-19 mask mandate start? A mask mandate is a government ruling to keeping the public safe from harm. The government sets rules to keep order and neatness. If this was not the case the world would be in complete anarchy. Getting back to the covid mask mandate the CDC required the wearing of a mask back on April 3, 2020. The mask mandate has recently taken a wide notice from “many governors – including some who have changed their earlier stances on masks as COVID-19 cases have surged in their states – strongly encourage wearing face masks” (Hubbard, K., These States Have COVID-19 Mask Mandates.) The mask mandate is not only affecting the general public, but it is also affecting the education of children. Children under the age of 2 should not wear masks, according to the CDC. As of Sept. 13,2021 there are 42 U.S. states and territories that do not have state/territories mask mandates per the U.S. News article. Governors encourage people to wear masks and be respectful and courteous of others. Back before the mask mandate kids and the parents did not have to worry about getting a deadly disease. But, because of recent events with the COVID-19 Delta outbreak schools are being shut down. Because they are unable to accommodate for the current stress of the situation. These events leading to schools to put a mask mandate for them to continue education for kids. Schools are required to follow new policies when put into place but also “Schools with mask mandates can continue to follow more strict quarantine policies, if they would like.” (Herron, A., Indiana schools can Stop QUARANTINES, but only if they have MASK mandate in place.) Several schools and distracts returned to remote learning in IN. They attempted the start of the year with mask-optional which was in response to the demands of parents per the IndyStar article. Mask mandates are required in indoor public spaces, regardless of vaccination status in most states in areas where Covid-19 is surging, per the CDC’s latest guidance was established in 12 U.S. states/territories. Only California, Connecticut, and New York have mask mandates for the unvaccinated. Unvaccinated should wear a mask to protect themselves and others in outdoor settings per the CDC. Fully vaccinated should were a mask in crowded outdoor settings, and activities that involve any kind of close contact with others not fully vaccinated.

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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 | I have highlighted in green parts you should keep. The rest is either too opinionated or off topic. (If you’re writing “Getting back to the Covid mask mandate” it’s a pretty good clue you’ve gotten off topic. It’s good that you included the part about schools, but the mandate has been about more than that. Talk about places the mandate covered. OBJECTIVELY write about responses people have had to it. Also give information about why we were told masks were important, what they are supposed to do regarding Covid. You ask a question at the beginning you also don’t answer, which is what kinds of masks we have been told to wear and why.  I’ve strung all my comments above into one long paragraph to try to show you how difficult it can be to try to find different points being made when everything is shoved into one long paragraph. Writing is about paragraphs. Please use them. |
| 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 |  |