***Values* Position Paper (Argument)**

**Graphic Organizer**

*What is my topic?*

| **To what extent are we living up to our founding values?** |
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*What is my thesis (last sentence of introduction)?*

| Thesis: note( add some basic evidence and context before) -America is not living up to the utopian ideal of its founding values, but has upheld and improved what was put in place in actuality, at the time. |
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*What is my evidence in support of this claim?*

| BODY 1/TOPIC SENTENCE: Democracy |
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| **EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF BODY 1:**  **Electoral college= unequal votes of the individual = us to be a slower spread of information(not anymore)** | | |
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| BODY 2/TOPIC SENTENCE: Racial justice/freedom |
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| **EVIDENCE/ Analysis IN SUPPORT OF BODY 2:**  **Black and Latino men are 5.9x more likely to be incarcerated than white men**  **There are a lot of different policies and laws that keep minorities from voting and other things.( access to voting in heavily black areas), ( jim crow laws in place for a very long time)**  **Civil rights act of 1964**  **Grandfather clause** | | |
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| BODY 3/TOPIC SENTENCE: Gender equality |
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| **EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF BODY 3:**  **Texas 6 week abortion laws**  **19th amendment women have the right to vote**  **Gender bay gap of 2021 84% of what men earned**  **Ex-felon can’t vote - black people are a high percent in the prison community ( because of the opportunities given to them/lack thereof)** | | |
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*How will I wrap up my position?*

| CONCLUSION - WHY DOES THIS TOPIC MATTER? WHAT ARE SOME NEXT STEPS RELATED TO THIS TOPIC? |
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