

Expert Witness Report Rubric

Criteria	Points
Research of Ohio Redistricting Laws and the 2022 Election	20 points
Clear Introduction	10 points
Analysis of Ohio Districting Plan	10 points
Comparison to Alternative Plans	10 points
Inclusion of Tables and Maps as Appendices	5 points
Conclusion Summarizing Findings and Opinion on Plan's Legality	15 points
Writing Clarity and Conciseness	10 points

Total Points: 80

Description of Criteria:

Research of Ohio Redistricting Laws and the 2022 Election (20 points): Student shows thorough research of Ohio redistricting laws, including state and federal statutory law, and provides comprehensive information about the 2022 Ohio congressional election and the districting plan used. The research is relevant to the objective of the assignment and helps inform the analysis of the Ohio districting plan.

Clear Introduction (10 points): Student provides a clear introduction that describes the purpose of the report and the legal requirements for redistricting plans in Ohio. The introduction sets up the analysis and evaluation of the Ohio districting plan and informs the reader about the student's perspective (plaintiffs or defendants).

Analysis of Ohio Districting Plan (10 points): Student provides a detailed analysis of the Ohio districting plan, including any areas where it may fail to meet legal requirements. The analysis is informed by the research of Ohio redistricting laws and the 2022 election, and is comprehensive and relevant to the objective of the assignment.

Comparison to Alternative Plans (10 points): Student compares the Ohio districting plan to their own "YOUR-LAST-NAME illustrative plan" and two other alternative plans, highlighting any strengths or weaknesses of each plan in meeting legal requirements. The comparison is relevant to the objective of the assignment and is informed by the research of Ohio redistricting laws and the 2022 election.

Inclusion of Tables and Maps as Appendices (5 points): Student includes relevant tables and maps as appendices to help illustrate their analysis of the Ohio districting plan and the comparison to other plans. The tables and maps are clear and relevant to the analysis and evaluation of the Ohio districting plan.

Conclusion Summarizing Findings and Opinion on Plan's Legality (15 points): Student provides a clear conclusion that summarizes their findings and states whether they believe the Ohio districting plan should be determined to be legal or illegal based on their chosen perspective. The conclusion is informed by the analysis and evaluation of the Ohio districting plan and the comparison to other plans.

Writing Clarity and Conciseness (10 points): Student writes clearly and concisely, presenting their analysis, evaluation, and comparison in a way that is easy for someone who may not be familiar with the technical aspects of redistricting to understand. The report is well-organized and uses appropriate headings and subheadings to help guide the reader.

Note for Group Assignments: If the assignment is completed in a group of up to three people, the rubric criteria remain the same. However, the page length can be at most 10 single-spaced pages to accommodate the extra plans. It is important that each member contributes maps created for the comparison, and that the report is cohesive. Each member must submit their own copy in Canvas.