**The Common Good**

**Balancing Rights in Modern Issues**

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Choose**one** scenario from the list in the lesson. If you want to choose a scenario not listed, please contact your instructor for approval.

Your Scenario: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Based on your scenario, research the rationale for and against the proposed action. You will need **at least four** reputable sources total—two in support of and two against the proposed action. Sources could be government websites, interest groups, or even research organizations. You might find sources that detail both support and opposition---just be sure that you have balanced research.   
     
   Be sure to save the author, title, publisher, date, and URL address of each source. You will cite them in MLA style at the end of your essay.

**Citation Format:**

Author last name, First name. “Title of Article.” Website name, Day Month Year, URL address.

**Your Citations:**

Source #1—supports

Source #2—supports

Source #3—opposes

Source #4—opposes

1. Write your essay using the following structure:
   1. **Introduce** your chosen scenario, discussing why it is an issue. Describe the limitation to individual rights or interests that is proposed in the scenario.
   2. Discuss at least two reasons to **support** this limitation. Refer to your research sources to support these reasons.
   3. Discuss at least two reasons to **oppose** this limitation. Refer to your research sources to support these reasons.
   4. **Take a stand**. Conclude with which side has the strongest argument and the reasons why it is more robust, considering your research evidence.
2. Cite your sources using MLA format and list them at the bottom of your essay.