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2010 Scholarship Competition

Essay Questions

Grade 6-8

Choose one question

One page (approximately 500 words)

1. Give two historical events in organized labor history and discuss their importance.
2. Talk about what American society today would be like if there had never been unionization of the workforce.

Grade 9-11

Choose one question from grade 6-8 and add the “B” part.

Two pages (approximately 1000 words)

- 1B. Does the importance of these events hold true today?
- 2B. What sector of our society would have been most negatively affected and why?

High School Senior/College

Choose one of the following questions for your essay.

3-5 pages (approximately 1500-2500 words)

1. Compare and contrast the state of America’s unionized workforce in 2010 versus 1910 and explain the underlying forces that are shaping its present state.
2. As America’s place in our global economy has evolved in the past 60 years, how has this change affected the state of our unionized workforce?