**Bill to Law Activity**

**Group Activity:**

* Directions:
  + You will receive a proposed Bill that will focus on amending the grading procedure in class.
  + Each group will be required to read and debate it.  The group will then either vote on it or modify it then vote on it.
  + Once your group has passed the Bill with a majority vote then you will give it to the other group.
  + Each group will be required to compare their passed Bill to the other groups Bill and attempt to combine them to make them identical.
  + Both groups will now have to work together to attempt to pass one identical Bill.  I have chosen representatives to relay your revision sheets to the other group to help the process.
  + If both groups pass one identical Bill then they will bring it to the President (me) to read.
  + The President may veto the first attempt and give it back to both groups.  Be sure to pick a provision or two that you would want to have changed and express this to the groups. ***Remember you have the power to make this law fit your needs because ultimately this will be your classroom grading procedure.  I try to make all provisions a little higher than my expectations so if the students reduce them they are set at a number that I would want anyway.  The students feel they are setting the provision but in actuality the provisions are about where I would have them anyway.***
  + Both groups will then attempt to override the veto with a 2/3’s majority.
  + Explain to the groups that they only have *one period* to complete this and if they can’t pass the law in this time frame the policy will stay as it was.
  + Students may modify any of the provisions (but they may not increase or decrease the number more or less than 2 points from what it was proposed)of the original Bill but they may not omit any.

**Proposed Bill**

**The new grading policy in Mr. G’s Civics and Economics class will be 80% Formal Assignments and 20% Informal Assignments.**

**Amendment to the bill**

1. **There will be only 2 Formal Assignments per nine weeks.**
2. **Any homework assignments not turned in on time will result in a zero in the formal assignment category**
3. **The lowest grade received for any assignment turned in will be a 70.**