**Q1 Research Simulation/Argumentative Essay**

**German**

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| The United States has been known for centuries as “the melting pot,” that provides new opportunities for all despite social class, race, gender, and ethnicity. As of late, the terminology has been altered, called the Land of the Free “the salad bowl,” insinuating that while our country may be filled with a variety of cultures, these cultures may not be intertwining. Due to the influx of immigrants into the United States and the ever decreasing size of our word, due to globalization, many people feel it is imperative to learn another language.  Read the following sources carefully. Then write an essay in which you defend or challenge that learning a foreign language should be a graduation requirement for all American high school students. Support your response with textual evidence and inferences drawn from two of the sources.  You will have 50 minutes to develop your essay by providing evidence from two of the texts. Do not merely summarize the sources. Be sure to follow the conventions of standard English. |
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| **Texts:**   1. “Why Bilingual Education is Good for Children”   <https://www.thelocal.ch/20110923/1276>   1. Pros and Cons of Bilingual Education   <https://occupytheory.org/list-of-pros-and-cons-of-bilingual-education/>   1. “Bilingual Education: 5 Reasons Why Starting Early is Important.”   <http://www.theedadvocate.org/5-reasons-early-bilingual-education-is-important/>   1. “Six Potential Brain Benefits of Bilingual Education”   <http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2016/11/29/497943749/6-potential-brain-benefits-of-bilingual-education> |
| **Critical Expectations for Exemplar:**   * Must have textual support from both texts * Organization must support the writer’s task * Must use conventions of standard English |
| **Instructional Implications:**   * Paired text in instruction; text may be print/non-print, multi-media, informational, and/or fiction * Skillful inclusion of textual support * Practice of writing on demand of a first draft that meets the conventions of standard English * Practice of reading complex texts * Increase classroom use of text-dependent questions |