	MANOR NEW TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL The Role of the President Rubric		STUDENT:DATE:
TEKS	UNSATISFACTORY (Below Performance Standards)	PROFICIENT (Minimal Criteria)	ADVANCED (Demonstrates Exceptional Performance)
Government 2(D) identify significant individuals in the field of government and politics, including Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and selected contemporary leaders. 9(B) analyze the structure and functions	Project does not meet proficient criteria:	 Students will research a former president. The investigation includes three phases. Students will examine, compare, and discuss their assigned president in the following ways: Constitutional Role of the President Historical and Modern Political Philosophy 	In addition to meeting the PROFICIENT criteria
of the executive branch of government, including the constitutional powers of the president, the growth of presidential power, and the role of the Cabinet and executive departments; 9(E) explain how certain provisions of the U.S. Constitution provide for checks and balances among the three branches of government; 9(G) explain the major responsibilities of the federal government for domestic and foreign policy;	 Phase 1: Answer to "How has the assigned President changed the Presidency?" was insufficient, incomplete, or vague. Outline of President's term(s) in office was missing or lacking moderate to major sections of information. President's decisions or events were missing one or more of the following or information was incomplete/vague: Who was involved What happened Why was the event significant, controversial or important Comparison of the role of the President with actual events/decisions of group's assigned President was insufficient, incomplete, or vague. 	 Phase 1: Answer the following question clearly, completely and with supporting evidence: How has the assigned President influenced the Presidency? Outline of President's term(s) in office covers major events and decisions in concise, clear language Detailed description of 2-3 major events or decisions during the President's term(s) explains Who was involved? What happened? What happened? What affect the event had on the president and his time in office? Compare the Constitutional role of the President with actual events/decisions of the assigned President. Explains and provides evidence of whether the President stayed within the boundaries of the Constitution or pushed its limits? 	 Phase 1: Answer to question is thorough and thoughtful. Description of major events/decisions is insightful. Comparison is provides clear explanation and reasoned analysis of the evidence.
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Government	Phase 2:	Phase 2:	Phase 2
Government 1 (A) explain major political ideas in history such as natural law, natural rights, divine right of kings, and social contract theory; 2 (A) analyze the principles and ideas that underlie the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including those of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, and Charles de Montesquieu; 2 (B) analyze the contributions of the political philosophies of the Founding Fathers, including John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison, on the development of the U.S. government; 2 (D) identify significant individuals in the field of government and politics, including Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and selected contemporary leaders.	 Phase 2: Answer to "What was the assigned President's political philosophy? Did the President enact policies consistent with his philosophy?" was insufficient, incomplete, or vague. Statement of assigned President's political philosophy was missing, incomplete, incorrect, or vague. Comparison of the President's philosophy with the actual events/decisions of the assigned President was missing, incomplete, incorrect, or vague. 	 Phase 2: Answer the following question clearly, completely, and with supporting evidence: What was the assigned President's political philosophy? Did the President enact policies consistent with his philosophy? Craft a statement of the assigned President's political philosophy. Compare the President's philosophy with the actual events/decisions of the assigned President. Statement demonstrates understanding of the political philosophy, the President's philosophy and events/decisions of the president term. 	 Phase 2: Statement explaining the President's philosophy is clear, thorough and thoughtful. Comparison is supported with logic and evidence.
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Government (all previously notes standards)	 Phase 3: Student did not contribute appropriate, sufficient, or substantial information to the discussion of assigned President with a new group of students representing different Presidents. Comparison and contrast of Phase 1 and 2 answers to other groups' information was missing, incomplete, incorrect, inappropriate, or vague. Student(s) did not contribute to academic conversation appropriately, sufficiently, or substantially. Student contributed to academic conversation but used fewer than 5 conversational elements or elements used were insufficient or unsupported. 	Phase 3: Final Product Academic Conversation: Discuss the assigned President with a new group of students representing different Presidents. Engage group members in appropriate dialogue responding to open-ended questions using information and evidence collected in Phase 1 and 2 During the conversation students demonstrates ability to use 5 of following conversational features: Initiating a worthwhile topic Elaborating Clarifying Build on or challenge Apply/Connect Paraphrase and Summarize	 Phase 3: Students use logic and reason in response to open-ended question Students uses detailed examples and evidence to support their response Student uses conversation features to deepen his/her understanding of his/her own President and the President assigned to other group members.
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TEKS (8) Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Culture and History. Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about the author's purpose in cultural, historical, and contemporary contexts and provide evidence from the text to support their understanding. Students are expected to analyze the consistency and clarity of the expression of the controlling idea and the ways in which the organizational and rhetorical patterns of text support or confound the author's meaning or purpose.	 Phase 3 (Continued): On-going Academic Conversations Student did not contribute to academic conversation appropriately, sufficiently, or substantially. Student contributed to academic conversation but used fewer than 5 conversational features or elements used were insufficient or unsupported. Student did not provide written evidence from "The Farewell" and/or group discussions to support responses to discussion questions OR written evidence was insufficient, incomplete, or vague. 	Phase 3 (Continued): On-going Academic Conversations Major and Daily Group Discussions: Based on reading "The Farewell", students discuss possible responses to open-ended questions. During the conversation students must use 5 of following conversational features: Initiating a worthwhile topic Elaborating Clarifying Build on or challenge Apply/Connect Paraphrase and Summarize Reflection Students provide written evidence from "The Farewell" and group discussions to support responses to all questions.	Student shows evidence that s/he has determined some significance of a referenced primary source, located, read, comprehended, and drawn conclusions about the reasoning behind Ellis' inclusion of this source in "The Farewell".
English Content	010203040506069	70 8085 89	90 95 100



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