

# Definition Essay Outline

## Essay Topic: Patriotism

### I. Introduction

- A. Attention getter: Traditional definition of patriotism.
- B. Thesis: Patriotism is speaking out when a person feels the country is right or wrong, voting, campaigning, and respecting others.

### II. Body

#### A. Speaking out when country is wrong

- 1. Vietnam
- 2. Slavery
- 3. Women's right to vote

#### B. Speaking out when country is right

- 1. Afghanistan
- 2. Health care

#### C. Voting

- 1. Making a choice based on one's needs
- 2. Being involved in the voting process

#### D. Campaigning

- 1. Finding a candidate who represents country's needs
- 2. Barbara Boxer from California

#### E. Respecting others

- 1. Paying taxes.
- 2. Respecting others' points of view
- 3. Arab-American prejudice after 9/11.

### III. Conclusion

- A. Review of patriot as protestor, voter, and respectful citizen.
- B. Closing attention getter: return to introduction's image of patriot