Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The city has been completely divided and the mayor is getting tired of all the phone calls and protest rallies. The “Friends of Fiefdom” and the “Fief Fighters” have taken over the city and turned it into complete chaos. The City of Naperville has called for an emergency city council meeting to settle the issue once and for all! The meeting will be held at school in a special POD session. Each group will be given the opportunity to present their case as to whether or not Naperville should change from a city to a fief. This is a debate! Both sides will state their facts, then there will be an opportunity to go back and revisit issues brought up in the opposing sides’ arguments. The council, which will consist of your teachers and several actual city council members, will vote on the issue at the close of the meeting.

You have already chosen which side of the argument your loyalty lies. You need to take all the information you have gathered while working on your editorial, scale map, and PowerPoint to create a persuasive presentation to the city council. Make sure you refute any arguments the other side might present in opposition to your case. Your goal is to convince the city council to vote in favor of your group. Make sure to speak clearly and persuade the council that your side IS the right side. You will be given 2 - 3 minutes to present your case to the council. After which, the opposing will make their case to city council. Then we will open the argument up to travel back and forth between the opponents. At no time are you to interrupt while someone else is speaking. Good sportsmanship will prevail at this meeting!

Criteria used to assess this task:

✔️ State at least three supporting reasons for your argument.
✔️ Refute opponents’ main points.
✔️ Listen attentively to opponents as they speak.
✔️ Speak loudly and clearly for all to hear.
✔️ Show enthusiasm and determination in presenting your argument.
✔️ Do not interrupt your opponents.
✔️ Stick to your reasons while debating- No name-calling (Ex: That’s stupid!)

⚠️ See attached rubric for a detailed breakdown of points!