**Juvenile Law: Reflection on trying juveniles as adults Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Advanced Civics and Government Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Content objective –** State the reasons in favor and against trying juveniles as adults.

**Language objective** – Use sentence starters to state your opinion.

1. This is an individual assignment. Once each student is finished we will come together as a class to discuss.

2. Read each question below. Use the sentence starters to develop your opinions.

3. Write one sentence in favor of trying juveniles as adults and one sentence against trying juvenile as adults.

**Should a juvenile ever be tried as an adult in criminal court?**

**Are there differences between adults and children? Should these difference cause children to receive different punishment than adults?**

**Do you think the 8th Amendment’s prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment prohibits states from sentencing a juvenile to life in prison without parole or to death?**

**Sentence starters to help answer the questions.**

**State your opinion about trying juveniles as adults**

“I believe that a juvenile who is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years old should be tried as adults”

“I believe that a juvenile who commits \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ crimes should be tried as an adult.”

“I feel that juveniles should never be tried as an adult because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”

“The 8th Amendment influences my opinion because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”

“The 8th Amendment does not influence my decision because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

I believe that rehabilitation is the best way to deal with juvenile offenders because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

1. “I do not think that rehabilitation is effective so I propose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as punishment to juvenile offenders.”
2. “Juveniles still are young and therefore \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
3. “A juvenile that has been abused or has led a difficult life should be treated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”