STUDENT ESSAY SAMPLES
PROMPT: COMMUNITY SERVICE

POOR
The more experience a person has to go into a specific field the better off they will be in their field. You can't have to much experience. In performing national or community service I think it's a good idea for 18 year olds to have to complete this service before they pursue college or a paying job. Furthermore the service will make the 18 year old more rounded as an individual therefore allowing a better chance of success. In conclusion, national or community service doesn't hinder the average 18 year old. In fact it's a elevator to success in their lives.

FAIR
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STUDENT SUMMARY WRITING SAMPLES
PROMPT: GEOGRAPHY/POPULATION

POOR
The article told us how there's a lot of overpopulation in some areas of the world. It also told us how a lot of how children an people in Asia and Africa need more basic necessities. It made me glad that I live in this country. I also read about how many people live in the world, I learned about all the death rates in the world and what causes them. At different times in history, populations have grown at different rates.

FAIR
Population is the amount of people in a specific area. At different times in history, populations have grown at different rates. The number of people being born and dying affect population. Regions where farming was a big part of the economy have larger populations. These regions don't have as many farmers any more though. Regions with good communities and climate tend to have more people. Population density is the amount of people for every square mile. Areas with higher population density tend to be easier to live in but these areas can be difficult to find jobs. In my city there are crowded places. Population density varies from country to country and from place to place. For example the United States is most likely going to have a higher density than a cold and baren country like Antarctica. In parts of Asia and Africa, the population is growing faster than the food supply and there is not enough money to buy food. Demographers study population density and how the amount of people per square mile affect resources.

GOOD
Population distribution is the way people are spread out over the world. Demographers want to know about populations such as why some places have lots and lots of people and other places do not have so many. Populations have grown at different rates through history. A long time ago, populations grew slowly because there was no modern machinery and food was scarce. There were more diseases because people did not have clean water. Although there was a high birth rate the death rate was also high. In some places the birth rate has increased and the death rate has decreased so the population is growing faster. In recent times, the world's population has grown very very quickly for many reasons. If you condensed the world's growth into a single day you would see how quickly it has grown. It would go from 300 million to over 6 billion! Regions where farming was a big part of the economy have larger populations even though they don't have as many farmers any more. Regions with good communities and climate tend to have more people. Population density is the average number of people for every square mile. Population density varies from region to region, and areas with higher population density tend to be easier to live in. Population density varies from country to country for example the United States is most likely going to have a higher density than an country like Antarctica, which has a cold and unpleasant climate. Japan has a very high density and people are crowded together mostly in Tokyo.