Environmental Policy

Gutting the EPA

Leveled Assessment _____/4

Name:

Section:

Score: _____/5

Directions: Argue whether or not the EPA should be gotten rid of, or should it be protected? Answer questions related to what the EPA is, and then do a brief journal scan on some particular writings related to the EPA.

Section 1: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Directions: Use the EPA's Website, and others, to find the following information

a. Why was the EPA created? What events directly led to its creation, and which president signed off on the creation?

b. What is the purpose of the EPA? What type of work do they do?

c. Who is the current head of the EPA and what is their background with environmental protection?

Section 2: In Defense of the EPA

Directions: Read the article titled "What would America be like without the EPA?" by Kendra Pierre-Louis from Popular Science, and answer the series of questions below.
(https://www.popsci.com/getting-rid-of-the-environmental-protection-agency)

a. Is the author a credible resource on the topic? What makes them credible, or not credible?

b. Is the publication source reputable (popular science)? Explain your reasoning - provide resources on how you got your information

c. Explain three of the arguments that the author makes in defense of the EPA.

d. Do an internet search and find 3-4 articles that support this viewpoint. Generally, explain whether or not they are reputable resources to support the argument.

Section 3: Against the EPA

Directions: Read the article titled "Time to Get Rid of the EPA? Scott Pruitt May Be Just the Guy to Do It" by Henry I. Miller from the National Review, and answer the series of questions below. (http://www.nationalreview.com/article/443186/scott-pruitt-abolish-epa-he-might-and-should)

a. Is the author a credible resource on the topic? What makes them credible, or not credible?

b. Is the publication source reputable (National Review)? Explain your reasoning - provide resources on how you got your information

c. Explain three of the arguments that the author makes against the EPA.

d. Do an internet search and find 3-4 articles that support this viewpoint. Generally, explain whether or not they are reputable resources to support the argument.

Section 4: Thought Questions

Directions: Answer the following series of questions related to the research in the previous sections

1. Which author did you think was more reputable and why?

2. Which publication was more reputable and why?

3. Based on the idea of reputability, and the arguments made in the actual articles, which opinion is more valid, and should the EPA actual remain or no?