

Activity 2: Point-Based Immigration System Group Assignment

The United States has tried to reform its immigration system without much progress. Other countries, however, have reformed their systems. Some countries have adopted point systems to gauge whether an applicant should be issued a work visa. Prospective immigrants earn points based on a number of characteristics such as age, language skills and job skills. A United States senator has asked your group to design such a point system for the United States. The senator has asked that the system be designed such that 50 points will generally be enough points for a visa.

Part I: Fill in the table with your group’s recommendations for point distributions.

Characteristic	Points

Part II:

Write a short brief for the senator that explains the logic behind your immigration point system. In the brief, explain the economic reasoning behind your point system. Or, if some characteristics are rewarded that are not economics based, explain the reasoning for the inclusion of the characteristic.