

Hidden Taxes

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2 When It comes to politicians they can be sneaky even with the American taxes that everyone
3 pays. The regular taxes that everyone is familiar with are the federal and state taxes. At the end
4 of every year and the beginning of January the place of employment that people work for will
5 send out there W2 forms so they can then go and file for taxes. Each person might get a refund
6 from the state or federal taxes that he or she as a worker paid throughout the year. While people
7 go file for a federal or state return he or she might discover that they owe taxes if they did not
8 pay enough into the federal and state taxes. But you have a time limit to file those taxes and that
9 time limit is April 15, of the following year. If you file taxes passes that you are capable of
10 getting a penalty and have to pay more.

11 In the states they have some areas that they decided to hide tax hikes and when people get that
12 bill a lot of people don't realize but they sneak tax hikes in to that bill. That's because they don't
13 want to have people vote on personally I'm against it is because it is not fair for me to have a bill
14 at the end of the year, And notice that the bill is higher that it should be. Then I look closely
15 and find out that they had hidden taxes in there. For example when I get a phone bill there is
16 taxes on it that I was not told about and that causes my bill to be higher than what I thought
17 would be. So the result of that I would end up calling the the phone company and ask them
18 why is it that my phone bill have these taxes that I did not know about. The response I would
19 always get is that they do not have to tell me about the hidden taxes that are on the bill.

20 That would always make me mad when they would say that to me.

21 Another area that I found that has hidden taxes is in gasoline. They put the taxes in the prices
22 to make you think that the place you get gas from is just high. And they want you to take it out
23 the anger towards them and not the federal or state place that is actually doing it. No matter
24 where you look there are hidden taxes including utilities, Insurance company are also know to
25 have hidden taxes,

26 However there are several hidden taxes that I feel should be higher. One is the cigarette tax
27 varies from state to state. But there are people that love to smoke that they will pay as much as
28 want for a pack of cigarette. There are packs of cigarettes that cost 12.00 dollars and that is in
29 New York. New York is one of the highest states to buy packs of cigarettes at. I believe that

1 those hidden taxes are justifiable and should be high that's probably because I don't smoke.

2 But those die hard smokers don't care and will continue to smoke no matter how high the
3 taxes get.

4 The other one is the state alcohol tax. And you get those people who love to drink and they
5 and they don't care how much they have to pay to get there drink and the hidden taxes on that
6 really don't bother them that's why they keep drinking. Because these are not needed for daily
7 survival and are choices people make it okay to tax.

8 There is also something called the Alternative minimum tax. We all are paying and it adds up
9 Reeder, Scott. "Hidden Taxes." *Southtownstar.chicagotribune.com*. 10 June 2012. Web. 10
10 and that was created in the year 1969 for the wealthy tax payers. This tax is to make sure that these
11 tax payers have to pay at least a minimum amount in federal and state taxes.

12 I think that these hidden taxes are just away for people like the politician to become rich.
13 Taxes change all the time and every year they change also. For example some taxes might
14 might get added while other taxes get taken out. Its always a changing game when it comes to the
15 taxes and some people just dont have the patience to deal with taxes. Alternative minimum taxes
16 are done with a different set of rules. And if you owe more Alternative minimum tax they will just
17 add the tax to the regular tax and you will just owe more on that tax than what you would normally
18 would. The IRS always makes sure that you are going to pay that tax one way or another. The
19 IRS might do what they call an audit and that way they find what you owe or if you did not file
20 a certain time they will come at you that way to make sure you get those paid.

21 There are some types of differences the amount of depreciation allowed for business the
22 amount of depreciation allowed for business the amount of mortgage Interest and taxes that are
23 deductible if you itemized.

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Work Sample Evaluation

Subject Area: Composition 1

Task Title: Tracking Your Taxes

Student Work Sample Title: Hidden Taxes

The document was scored using the *CCR Task Bank Rubric*. The final scores are indicated in the following chart.

Scoring Criteria	Insufficient Evidence	Developing	Progressing	Accomplished	Exceeds
Research and Investigation		X			
Ideas and Content		X			
Reading and Analysis		X			
Communication		X			
Organization		X			
Accuracy		X			

Annotations: The following evidence from the work sample and the reviewer’s comments support the scores above. Page and line numbers refer to the original work sample.

Scoring Criteria	Page #	Line #	Commentary about the work sample
Research and Investigation: <i>Locating resources independently and/or identifying information within provided texts</i>	2	8-10	There are two sources on the Works Cited page, but only one is cited (incorrectly) in the text of the work sample.
Ideas and Content: <i>Presenting a thesis and understanding concepts</i>	1	15-20	The student’s explanations are overly simplistic. Here, the example is about telephone bills.
	All		In general, the work sample tries to address too many concepts in a very limited way.
Reading and Analysis: <i>Evaluating sources and selecting evidence to support the central idea</i>	1	21-25	There is very little substance or analysis in this work sample. The discussion of gas taxes is an example of undeveloped content.
	2	8-10	It is unclear what content is contributed as evidence from the citation. Perhaps it is the reference to the Alternative minimum tax, but this concept is not adequately explained.
Communication: <i>Using subject-appropriate language and considering audience</i>	All		The assignment was to write an editorial, presumably for a public newspaper. The tone and language of the work sample are consistent with the task prompt, but feel too informal.
Organization: <i>Structuring main ideas and supporting information</i>	1	11-12	Instead of introducing the reader to the broad topic of the paper, the first paragraph jumps right into the discussion of how one pays taxes. The thesis is never explicitly developed.
	1-2	21-3	While the work sample may have several details, it lacks specificity.
	2	21-23	The work sample has no conclusion. Instead, the student addresses a new topic (depreciation) to end the paper.
Accuracy: <i>Attending to detail, grammar, spelling, conventions, citations, and formatting</i>	1	12-14	The sentences in the work sample are often poorly punctuated, leading to run-ons and fragments.
	All		A simple exercise in revision would clean up most of the errors around repeated words.
	3	3-8	The citations are not formatted correctly.