Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your introduction establishes a mystical setting with vivid imagery of glowing skies and whispering trees. You've created a compelling hook by positioning yourself as a leader with responsibility beyond mere power.

Weakness: Underdeveloped thesis statement  $\rightarrow$  While you mention introducing three laws, your opening lacks clarity about the specific problems these laws will address. For example, when you write "A vision for the future, a bright future for Vesperian," you could more precisely outline what challenges currently exist. Your introduction would benefit from establishing the current state of affairs in Vesperian before presenting your solutions.

# Exemplar: I carry a vision for the future of Vesperian—one where our tax system supports all citizens equally, our magical environment thrives unthreatened, and transportation connects rather than divides our people.

#2 Strengths: You've effectively woven magical elements into practical environmental concerns, creating a unique fantasy world with real-world parallels. Your description of "rivers containing glitters of moonlight dust" creates vivid imagery.

Weakness: Lack of specific implementation details  $\rightarrow$  Your environmental law section presents general goals but lacks concrete steps for implementation. When you mention "conservation rituals" and "magical farming," you don't explain how these would work in practice. The statement "the government will also dispatch specialist healers" doesn't specify who these healers are, how many will be sent, or what specific techniques they'll use to restore the landscape.

## Exemplar: This law will establish a Council of Seven Master Healers who will conduct monthly moonlight restoration rituals at each of our twelve most damaged forest regions, using concentrated spirit energy to regrow trees at triple the natural rate.

#3 Strengths: You've created an engaging conclusion that reinforces your main themes and maintains the fantasy elements. You effectively circle back to your opening vision, creating a cohesive framing for your three laws.

Weakness: Contradictory messaging  $\rightarrow$  Your conclusion states "these three laws are not just harmful, biased rules designed to spite people," which contradicts your otherwise positive framing. This negative phrasing undermines your persuasive message and creates confusion about whether you believe the laws are beneficial or harmful. Additionally, your closing sentence "With proper

leadership..." suggests the current leadership might be inadequate, which contradicts your position as the chosen leader.

## Exemplar: These three laws form the foundation of a flourishing Vesperian—where our shared prosperity, protected magical environments, and accessible transportation ensure that the spirit of our land will burn bright for generations to come.

• Your piece shows creativity in building a fantasy world with magical elements while addressing realistic governance issues. Consider adding more specific details about how each law would be implemented and enforced. For example, who collects the taxes? How often would environmental restoration rituals take place? You could also strengthen your argument by anticipating potential objections to your laws and addressing them directly. Also, look for opportunities to develop your characters further—perhaps mention specific citizens who would benefit from these laws or describe the history of previous leaders whose actions led to current problems. Additionally, you could enhance the persuasive impact by including more sensory details that help readers imagine life in Vesperian both before and after your laws take effect. Think about how these laws might evolve over time as the society changes.

#### Score: 42/50

#### Section 2:

As the chosen leader of Vesperian, a land where the skies glow with moonlight, and the trees whisper secrets of ancient magic, I carry a responsibility that is greater than just power. I carry a vision. A vision for the future, a bright future for Vesperian. But no vision can become realistic [reality] without action. This is why I will articulate three essential laws, on taxes, the environment, and transport. #1

Many citizens of Vesperian say that taxes are incredibly unfair. That kind of talk is prevalent in kingdoms whose economies are crumbling and falling down. In the past, there were lands that prospered and flourished, but their foolish rulers decided to abdicate the system of taxes. This led to the whole economy being thrown out of balance, and only after a short while, they fell to the plague of economic disaster. But we know better in Vesperian. Everyone has a different role. Some defend our lands against the malicious spirits using the ancient secrets of spirit energy and moon energy, while others work in hospitals, healing the sick and wounded. This law will ensure that everyone gives according to how much they have. If you gain more, you will give more. These extra taxes will go towards improving healthcare facilities, border defense, and making sure that everyone has an equal social status. It's not about money. It's about equality and respect. A society that shares with everyone is the strongest society, and will continue to grow stronger together.

In Vesperian, our landscape and nature are our greatest gift. Our rivers contain glitters of moonlight dust, and our forests house our spirits. We live in a paradise in Vesperian, but already, threats are starting to occur. Careless resource extraction has polluted our rivers greatly, and wild spellcasting has burned down many trees, destroying our protection spirits' homes. This law will protect our picturesque wonders by banning harmful practices, and encouraging magical farming in areas that have been affected. The government will also dispatch specialist healers to help return the landscape to its former glory. Conservation rituals will also be performed to help strengthen our forests, oceans, and hills. Recently, I have decided that every citizen will be required to attend the Moonlit Sanctuary Festival, where will [we will] celebrate in the Moonlight Pagoda, a brilliant temple that leads into a stunning blend of magic and pure nature. Without the land, our power and magic fades. A land that protects its roots will always rise strong. #2

In this world, movement is magic as well. But in Vesperian, too many people are left on the ground to walk, while others can fly freely or enjoy the luxury of their own private first-class airships, free to enjoy the spectacular views. This law, however, will create safe, affordable, and clean transportation for everyone who needs and requires it. Light gliders, public sky rails, and Moonlight Bird Rides all will be put in place, with the sky rails being powered by moon energy which is provided by our diligent and hard-working wizards. The government has also put a million orders in for gliders, so that everyone will have at least one, so that they can use it anytime, even if one of the other forms of transport is unable to operate. Our loyal animal-tamers will also offer rides on the backs of Moonlight Birds. Simply blow a specially carved whistle, and your ride will come! When people can move freely, they can learn, grow, visit, and trade. No one should be put at a disadvantage. A united land is a thriving land.

In conclusion, these three laws are not just harmful [helpful], biased rules designed to spite people. They are the beating heart of a successful land. They will make sure that the spirit of Vesperian will always burn bright for the future generations. With proper leadership, we can build a land where everyone rises together. #3