

I. What is a controversial topic that you think about a lot?

Feel free to draw yourself in relation to this topic!!

II. Match the following terms:

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| 1. Claim | A. Arguments against/bad points |
| 2. Evidence | B. Statement/assertion of truth |
| 3. Argument | C. Facts or reason |
| 4. Pro/support | D. Arguments for/good points |
| 5. Con/against | E. Reason the aim of persuading others of something |

III. What's your personal connection to this issue?

How do you feel about it?

Why is it important?

IV. Find a partner. Use procon.org to fill this out/develop your thoughts.

BUILDING AN ARGUMENT

MAIN IDEA
Here's what I think...

Evidence to back up my reasons

Here are my REASONS!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Strong Finish!

COUNTER ARGUMENTS
You COULD argue that...

...but here's the WEAKNESS...

PRO **CON**
How far do you agree with the evidence? How far do you disagree with the evidence?

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V. What do you believe now? Make a claim, and then write your argument, using evidence (either a study, research, or statistics) that supports this claim! You are now the expert. Write something that you feel good about recording on video. Remember, the more data and information you provide, the more likely you are to be taken seriously!!

Write your ideas here:

Introduce your topic: Don't forget to give background!

Give your opinion:

Provide your three reasons

Explain why this matters and now what should be done:

VI. Reread your writing with your partner and edit what you wrote so it sounds ready to record

VII. Get out your phone, and record yourselves, as experts, on your topic! Try and persuade your audience that you are correct!