

# PREPARE YOUR ARGUMENT

NAME

CLASS

DATE

## UNDERSTAND YOUR TOPIC

First, locate trusted background information on your issue. **Search *Research In Context* or click **Browse Topics**.** Focus on topic page overviews and reference articles.

Interesting Facts

Citations

What side will you take during the debate?

## SUPPORT YOUR STANCE

Next, explore *Research In Context*. **Read magazines, news,** and more. Outline your arguments, and the evidence you will use to support your points.

Argument

Supporting Evidence and Citation

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## PLAN YOUR DEFENSE

Now, **research your opposition within *Research In Context***. List the strongest arguments you believe the other side could make. Find evidence and brainstorm how you will respond.

Opposition Argument	Rebuttal and Evidence/Citation
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## REFINE YOUR REASONING

Use the space below to tweak your original arguments and record additional notes after completing your research in *Research In Context*.