

PREPARE YOUR ARGUMENT

NAME

CLASS

DATE

UNDERSTAND YOUR TOPIC

First, locate trusted background information on your issue. **Search *Opposing Viewpoints 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 *Opposing Viewpoints In Context*. **Read Viewpoints, Featured Viewpoints** (selected by editors), **statistics**, 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 *Opposing Viewpoints In Context***. List the strongest arguments you believe the other side could make. Find evidence and brainstorm how you will respond.

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| 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 *Opposing Viewpoints In Context*.