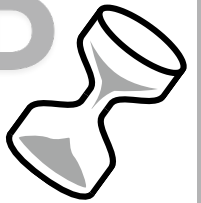


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UNIT 4: THEN AND NOW



Instructions: This activity is designed to help you critically analyze a specific issue and reflect on your understanding of the topic. Follow the steps below to complete the activity. ____/35 pts

I. Topic & Analysis: Choose one of the topics presented on the presentation, write the topic or issue you are analyzing on the line below.

II. Key Arguments

Pros:

List two key positive arguments or benefits associated with the issue.

- a.
- b.

Cons:

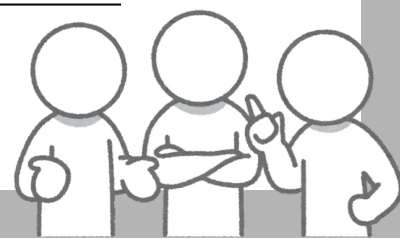
List two key negative arguments or drawbacks related to the issue.

- a.
- b.

III. Discussion Notes

Main point discussed: Briefly summarize the main point of your topic.

Follow-up question: Write any question that came up as a result of your research or something you'd like to explore further.



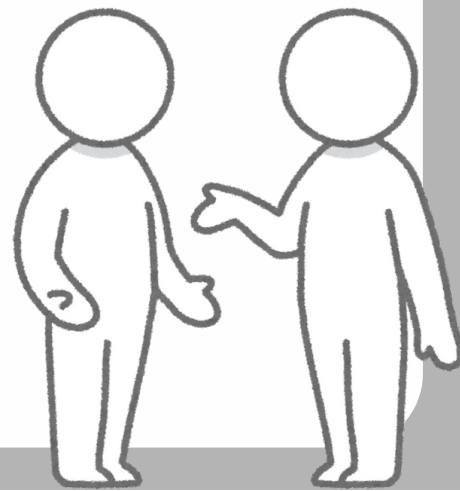
Iv. Your Position

In this section, reflect on your own perspective.

- Write your position on the issue: What do you believe?
- Provide a reason for why you hold that view.
- Example: "I believe [your stance] because [your reasoning]."

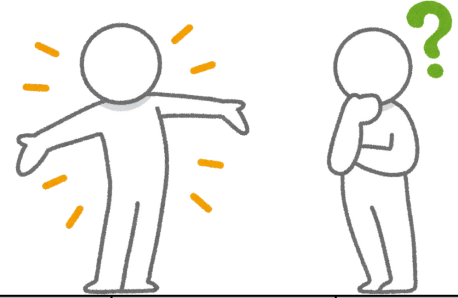
V. Discussion

Find at least one other classmate that chose the same topic as you, discuss the key points and examples you have gathered. After, decide which one of you is 'against' and which one is 'for' the topic. Then, get ready to debate in front of the class the stand you have chosen.



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Rubric

Criteria	6 - Exemplary	5 - Strong	4 - Proficient	3 - Developing	2 - Limited	1 - Incomplete
Topic & Analysis	Demonstrates exceptional understanding of topic with comprehensive, nuanced analysis	Shows clear understanding with thorough analysis and relevant details	Provides adequate analysis with basic understanding of key concepts	Shows partial understanding with surface-level analysis	Minimal analysis with significant misconceptions	Little to no analysis or understanding evident
Key Arguments (Pros & Cons)	Presents 4+ compelling arguments for each side with sophisticated reasoning	Presents 3-4 well-developed arguments for each side with clear logic	Presents 2-3 valid arguments for each side with basic support	Presents 1-2 basic arguments with limited support	Arguments are weak or poorly supported	Missing or irrelevant arguments
Discussion Notes	Comprehensive notes capturing complex ideas and insightful connections	Detailed notes with clear main points and supporting details	Basic notes covering main discussion points	Incomplete notes missing key information	Minimal or superficial notes	Few to no discussion notes
Position & Reasoning	Position is exceptionally clear with compelling evidence and sophisticated reasoning	Position is well-articulated with strong evidence and logical reasoning	Position is clear with adequate evidence and basic reasoning	Position is somewhat unclear with limited evidence	Position lacks clarity and evidence	Position is missing or unsupported
Discussion & Debate	Engages in sophisticated debate with articulate responses and respectful counterarguments	Participates actively with clear arguments and good responses	Contributes adequately to debate with basic arguments	Limited participation with weak arguments	Minimal participation with unclear arguments	No meaningful participation in debate
Overall Confidence	Shows mastery and high confidence across all aspects of analysis	Demonstrates strong confidence in most areas	Shows adequate confidence in basic concepts	Displays uncertainty in several areas	Shows limited confidence overall	Little to no confidence demonstrated