

# Discussion Web

**ISSUE**

---

<b>PROS</b> (For Issue)		<b>My Position</b>		<b>CONS</b> (Against Issue)
		_____		
		_____		
		_____		
		_____		
		_____		
		_____		
		_____		
		_____		
		_____		
		_____		

**Support Your Position**

---

---

---

---

---

## DIRECTIONS

This activity will help you organize your thoughts before writing a persuasive essay. Select and read a newspaper article or editorial about an issue that has at least two sides. Write the issue on the top line.

Next, think about both sides of the issue. List information that is in favor of the issue under the pro side and information that opposes the issue under the con side. Use information from the newspaper article, prior knowledge or information from other sources. You must look at both sides of an issue before writing a persuasive piece.

Now, you are ready to make a case for or against the issue. Write your position in the center box.

Support your position with information from either the pro column or the con column. In some cases you may effectively use information from the opposing side to support your stance.

## RUBRIC

Self-Check

1. I read a newspaper article or editorial on an issue that has two sides. I stated the issue in the center block.
2. I listed notes in favor of the issue in the left hand column and notes against the issue in the right hand column.
3. I took a stance and wrote my position in the center box.
4. I supported my position with at least three details.