



Keep looking at a controversial topic

Choose a controversial topic—one that you approach with a strongly held opinion. Identify your topic and sum up your opinion in the space below.

Next, state a contrasting point of view on this issue, even if you disagree with it. For example, if you normally favor gun control, then state the position of those who *oppose* gun control.

Now make a case for this opposing opinion, no matter how strong your disagreement with it. List at least five facts, figures, or other pieces of evidence or arguments for it. If you have trouble coming up with five items, keep looking. Do some reading or ask other people for their ideas.

Finally, describe whether or not your thinking on this issue has changed. If it has not, then describe what it felt like to take up someone else's viewpoint. If your position regarding this issue *did* shift, then describe what you learned from the experience.
