GENERAL

SCIENCE TOOLKIT

Worksheet for Investigating Issues

Introduction

When working with issues for which there are different responses or approaches, it can be helpful to record the various points of view. Such a review may help you decide, while you research an issue, whether you support one point of view or none at all.

What to Do

As you investigate an issue, complete the chart, then answer the questions that follow. To complete the chart, do the following:

- Identify the point of view in the first column.
- Outline points that support that point of view in the middle column.
- Provide the source of that point of view and any support in the final column.

Issue:

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Questions

Review the different points of view you have identified, then answer the questions below.

1. Which point(s) of view might you support? For each one, provide a reason for your support.

2. Which point(s) of view do you reject? For each one, provide a reason for your lack of support.

3. Is there a point of view that you might support if the approach or style in which it is expressed were changed? Identify the point of view, and explain your reasoning.

