

CHAPTER 8	Thought Lab 8.2: Keeping the Blood Supply Safe	BLM 8.2.6
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Purpose: Describe society's interests and roles in the blood supply system and identify possible technological solutions to blood safety and blood shortages.

Procedure

1. Use print and/or electronic resources to research answers to the Analysis questions below.
2. Summarize, in the form of a report or multimedia presentation, the results of your research. Include an explanation of the importance of blood transfusions and identify possible technological solutions to problems of blood supply and blood supply safety.

Analysis

1. Why is it considered important for members of society to donate blood on a regular basis? Do all members of society share this view? Explain.
2. Who can and who cannot donate blood?
3. What blood products are isolated from donated blood and how are each of these products used?

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7. Should the government and the public be involved in the management of Canada's blood supply or should its management be privatized? Choose a position and present your arguments in support of it.