

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Issue Background**

1. What is the problem?	
2. Where did it start?	
3. Where is it now?	
4. Who are the parties involved?	5. What motivates them / What are their positions and interests?
6. What arguments can you identify about the problem? Mark whether the arguments are conflicts over facts or values/morals:	
Arguments:	Facts / Values

7. Mark the important disputes in the history of the problem. Write the date and what occurred.

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8. After all this research, do you still feel the same way about the problem? Why or why not?


9. Can you begin to understand why the other side has their perspective(s)? If no, you probably need to do more research. You might consider interviewing someone with an opposing viewpoint. Remember, you don't have to agree with them, just try to understand their interests.


10. What interests do you share with those on the opposite side of the problem? What common ground do you have?
