

Recognizing Different Perspectives

One of the keys to being persuasive is the ability to understand the full range of perspectives that people may hold on the issue you are studying. Before crafting the final copy of your persuasive piece, use this handout to think through how others may feel about the same topic. Responses can be built on student predictions, conversations with peers, or evidence collected while researching.

Questions to Consider	Your Response
How do you feel about the controversial topic we are studying?	
How would people who are completely opposed to your point of view feel about the controversial topic we are studying?	
Is it possible for people to mostly disagree with your point of view but see at least something positive in your positions? How would they feel about the controversial topic we are studying?	
Is it possible for people to mostly agree with your point of view but see some weaknesses in your positions? How would they feel about the controversial topic we are studying?	