

STUDENT SAMPLE

Topic: I want to start a recycling program at your school. There are some people that agree with me and some people who say a recycling program is a waste of time.

Team A: A recycling program is a waste of time and resources. A recycling program should not be set up at our school.

1. Recycling is not a law in Nevada.
 - a. Why should we spend our time working towards an effort that Nevadans do not find to be important?
 - b. Our time could be better spent following laws that we do have.
2. Recycling is expensive.
 - a. The costs of recycling are usually higher than manufacturing a product with virgin resources.
 - b. When the costs of using recycled products become cheaper than using virgin resources, then I will change my actions.
 - c. Recycling is so expensive that it is not even offered in apartments, condominiums, or near city street receptacles.
3. One person or one school recycling will not make a difference.
 - a. If the rest of the city does not recycle, then my efforts won't make enough of a difference in terms of landfill space used.
 - b. Even if our school has recycling, most people won't do it.
4. Recycling takes too much time.
 - a. Students have more important things on their minds, like exams and grades.
 - b. Teachers are too busy monitoring students and creating lessons to have time for recycling.
 - c. Custodians and other administrators don't have time to do extra work that they don't get paid for.