

Handout — Preparing for Deliberation

Review the Reading/Stimulus

Determine the most important facts and/or interesting ideas and write them below.

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2)

3)

Deliberation Question:

Reasons to Support the Deliberation Question (Team A)	Reasons to Oppose the Deliberation Question (Team B)

My Personal Position

On a separate sheet of paper, write down reasons to support *your* opinion.

Class Discussion: What have we learned?

What were the most compelling reasons for each side?

Side A:	Side B:

What were the areas of agreement?

What questions do you still have? Where can you get more information?

Why is important to deliberate on this issue in a democracy?

Individual Reflection: What have I learned?

Which number best describes your understanding of the issue? [circle one]

understanding not changed 1 2 3 4 5 *understand much more*

What new insights did you gain? What did you do well in the deliberation?

What do you need to work on to improve your personal deliberation skills?

What did someone else in your group do or say that was particularly helpful?

Is there anything the group should work on to improve the group deliberation?