

Earth Science

Activity 16: Write an Opinion Essay

Topic 19: Resources & Energy

General Instructions:

- Use a computer to complete your essay/document.
- Write a “five-part” 250-400 word essay in a single 40-minute session.
- Include an introduction, three key supporting paragraphs, and a conclusion.
- Correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar errors prior to completing work.
- Submit or share your final document with your instructor.

Suggestions and Tips:

1. Read the background and context provided to familiarize yourself with the subject area.
2. Select either A or B as the basis for your thesis.
3. Plan the essay prior to writing it.
4. Make the essay organized. Avoid placing multiple points in one paragraph.
5. Use only Times New Roman font 12 with double-spacing to format your document.
6. Discuss only one perspective in each of the body paragraphs.
7. Conclude with a summary.
8. In the summary, rephrase the introduction and thesis. Emphasize key supporting rationale.

Background and Context:

Carbon-based fuel (*oil, natural gas, coal*) currently supply the majority of global energy demands by a wide percentage. This fact has been true for over a century. Many are concerned with the continued use of carbon-based fuel (*fossil fuel*) to meet this demand. Some do not share this concern.

Position A: All countries, organizations, and individuals need NOT decrease use of non-renewable fossil fuel through conservation efforts. Neither is there a need to use alternative sources of energy.

Position B: All countries, organizations, and individuals SHOULD emphasize the use of alternative, renewable energy sources only - while also dramatically and immediately stopping the use of fossil fuel.