

## **Earth Science**

### **Activity 16: Write an Opinion Essay**

#### **Topic 28: Hydrocarbons and 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:**

Hydrocarbon discoveries and technical advances for the mining and extraction of hydrocarbons continues to increase the estimated global reserves.

**Position A:** There is no urgency or need to accelerate the use of alternative energy sources (renewable sources).

**Position B:** The imperative to make better use of alternative energy sources is obvious and must be accelerated.