

## IMPACT OF EXTERNAL FORCE

Choose an external force, e.g., a circumstance, an idea, a belief, an event.

Is its impact positive? negative? both?

Does the force/circumstance/idea or belief fulfill predictions or expectations?

Who is affected? an individual? a group? a community? a society?

How is the individual, group, community or society affected?

Why does the force, circumstance, idea or belief have this impact or effect?

To what extent is the individual, the group, the community or the society able to resist or withstand it? adapt to it? tame or change it? control it? or be damaged destroyed?

## POSSIBLE TOPICS

### **An institution**

Marriage  
Childhood  
Family  
School  
Religion  
Segregation  
Law/courts/police

### **Politics**

White Water  
Collapse of the USSR  
War in Iraq or Afghanistan

### **Law**

An unjust law  
Unjust enforcement of a law  
Specific law, e.g., Affirmative Action

### **Economy**

Downsizing  
Inflation/depression/recession  
Deregulation of an industry  
Apartment rentals in NYC

### **Other**

A discovery, e.g., cloning  
A holiday  
A job

A theory, e.g., evolution or creationism

Abortion

Advertising

An accident

An invention, e.g., automobile, Pampers,  
TV, computers

Being handicapped

Books, newspapers, magazines

Community

Competition

Concept, e.g., justice, freedom, patriotism,  
individuality, beauty, truth

Core Studies requirement

Death

Drugs and/or alcohol

Gangs

Government policy or action, e.g.,  
relocating Japanese during WWII

Historical event, e.g., American Revolution

Inhumanity

Movies or television

Music, e.g., rock, gospel, opera

Natural disaster

Peer pressure, public opinion, or gossip

Pollution, greenhouse effect, or acid rain

Prejudice

Rainbow or other natural beauty

Social class

Sports