

Sample Outline-Speakers' Perspectives

Feel free to use the sample outline below to plan out your Speakers' Perspectives written response. Remember that this is a rough outline, and you can respond in point form.

The final draft of your Speakers' Perspectives written response should be in paragraphs and edited for errors prior to being submitted.

Outline for the Speakers' Perspectives Written Response

1. Review and rephrase the central issue/topic question: usually the question will look like "Should...." or "Is it in _____'s interest to...."

Ex.

Is it in Canada's national interest to play a significant role in NATO led military missions around the world?



Write a response in which you

- **explore** the issue of Canada's involvement in NATO led military missions
- **analyze** various points of view on the issue
- **explain** and **defend** your position on the question
- **support** your point of view by using your understanding of Social Studies




PLAN:

What is the central issue/topic question? Write it here:

Explain why the central issue/topic question is generally important to consider:

2. Review all 3 speakers' perspectives, and make a general statement about each of the perspectives.

Is it in Canada's national interest to play a significant role in NATO led military missions around the world?

 <p>Citizen #1</p>	Canada has been a part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization since it began in 1949 and it is in our national interest to continue taking a lead role in military missions whenever the need arises. Canada has a responsibility to "pull its own weight" on the international stage. By participating in these missions Canada strengthens important ties with other nations such as the United States, Great Britain, Germany, France and others. If Canada fails to do its part, not only will the world be a more dangerous place, other nations might not be as quick to provide us with help when we are in a time of need.
 <p>Citizen #2</p>	International security is an important issue, however Canada has numerous other domestic issues that are of much greater importance. The Canadian Government should focus its energy and resources on making the economy strong by creating jobs. Rather than spend money on expensive weapons of war, these funds should be used for educating Canada's workforce. Canada should not get involved in costly international conflicts until its domestic issues have been resolved.
 <p>Citizen #3</p>	Canada should have the choice to participate in the NATO missions that best reflect our national interests, but it should not feel obligated to provide troops or funding for all NATO missions. I support Canada's involvement in the recent revolution in Libya, because the rebels requested help from the world to overthrow the dictator. Canada should not be involved in conflicts where we are trying to bring about change in a country whose citizens do not want change for themselves.

Ex.

- What is **each speaker** saying about the central issue/topic question; do they agree, disagree, partially agree/disagree? Reference specific words or sentences the speaker uses that supports their position.
- Do you agree/disagree/partially agree/disagree with the speaker's perspective? Explain why, and support with evidence from Social Studies.

PLAN:

Speaker 1:

Main Position:

Details to Support:

Your Position:

Evidence to Support:

Speaker 2:

Main Position:

Details to Support:

Your Position:

Evidence to Support:

Speaker 3:

Main Position:

Details to Support:

Your Position:

Evidence to Support:

3. Explain your position on the central issue/topic question, and list the main arguments you will use to support your position.

PLAN:

My position on the central issue/topic question is:

Supporting Reasons/Arguments:

***Remember, this is a rough outline for the Speakers' Perspectives written response. Review the expectations and exemplars for the Speakers' Perspectives written response within your course.**