

Writing Activity: Reflecting on *Decisions, Decisions*

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Directions: Research what steps were followed in making important world, national, or local decisions such as the dropping of the atomic bomb, the building of the Alaskan pipeline, or the return of the Panama Canal to the Panamanians. Present the pros and cons of the issue in an essay. Explain why you think the people involved made a good or bad decision.

Use the graphic organizers on the following screens to help you organize your ideas and write an essay.

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Important Decision:

Evidence in support of the decision

Evidence against the decision

My viewpoint of the decision

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Essay Graphic Organizer

Introduction:

Creates interest, states main idea



Point 1:

Evidence/facts/reasons



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Point 2:

Evidence/facts/reasons



Point 3:

Evidence/facts/reasons



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Conclusion:

Summarizes, restates main idea, unifies the writing