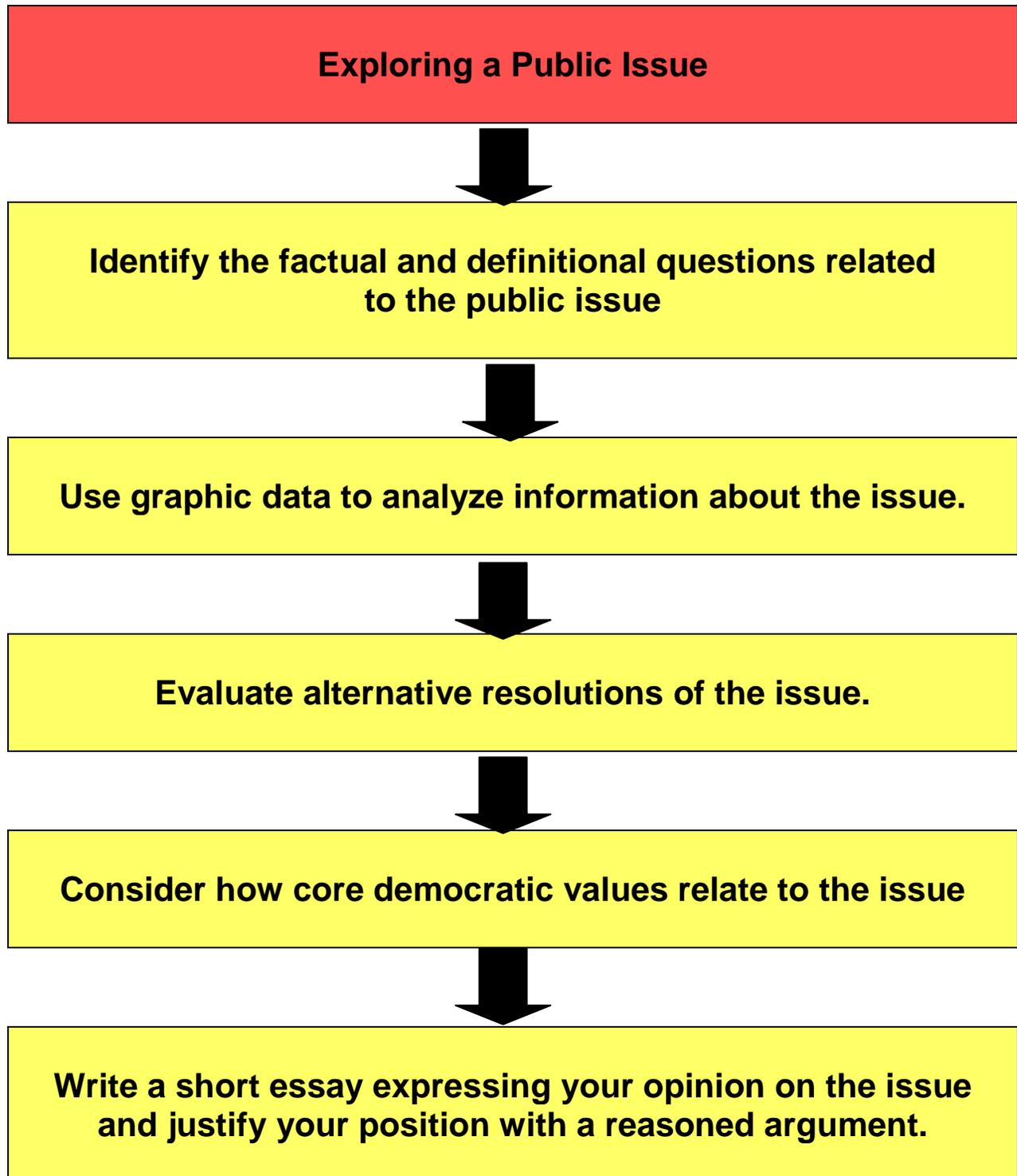


Graphic Organizer



Big Ideas Card

Big Ideas of Lesson 8, Unit 7

- It is important for citizens to make informed decisions about public issues.
- To make informed decisions, citizens need to identify factual and definitional questions related to public issues.
- To make informed decisions, citizens need to analyze data and information related to public issues.
- To make informed decisions, citizens need to examine different points of views on public issues.
- To make informed decisions, citizens need to consider how core democratic values relate to public issues.
- After making an informed decision on an issue citizens need to support their position with a reasoned argument.

Word Cards

Word Cards from previous lessons needed for this lesson:

- Constitution– Word Card #7 from Lesson 2
- Bill of Rights – Word Card #16 from Lesson 5
- Public Issue – Word Card #19 from Lesson 7
- Definitional Issue – Word Card #20 from Lesson 7
- Factual Issue – Word Card #21 from Lesson 7
- Core Democratic Values – Word Card #22 from Lesson 7

Writing Plan

The Issue: *Should public schools be allowed to require students to wear school uniforms?*

My decision: _____yes _____no

My reference to data:

My connection to a core democratic value:

My reasons:

Essay Review

Check off the parts that you found in the essay:

- A position statement
- At least two reasons
- A reference to data
- A core democratic value connection
- A concluding sentence

My favorite part of your essay was:

A question I have about your essay is:

Something I might change in your essay is:

I liked your essay because:

Reviewed by: _____