Essay Preparation Task

**Directions:** Prepare an essay of your views on abortion. Below is a list of arguments on both sides of the issue, pro-choice or pro-life. You can use the list of arguments as is or use them to develop new arguments to help you with your essay. You have 5 minutes to prepare your essay, please use the pad of paper provided. Also, please remember to write “pro-life” or “pro-choice” on top of your essay to indicate your stance on this issue.

**Pro- Life**

- The right of the unborn to live supersedes any right of a woman to "control her own body."

- Abortion is wrong because it is taking a human life.

- Adoption, not abortion.

- If you have sex, you should be prepared to deal with the consequences.

- Most unwanted pregnancies become wanted children.

**Pro-Choice**

- It is the woman's body, therefore her choice.

- An embryo is a tiny mass of cells, not a person.

- Women will seek abortions regardless of their legality, so banning legal abortion only leads to more dangerous “back-alley” abortions.

- Motherhood should never be punishment for having sex.

- Many unwanted babies are abused, neglected, or even killed by unloving or immature parents.