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Position / Proposal

A position essay explains multiple sides of an issue and argues for one side over the others. Your goal is to explain the various sides of the issue and highlight the differences between these views. Use solid reasoning and factual evidence to persuade your readers to adopt your point of view. Your position should identify the problem, make claims that you will support, provide a summary of your understanding of the issue, include a point-by-point discussion of the limits of the various views about the issue, and establish and support your own position about the issue.

- identify a problem - explain multiple sides of the issue - include point by point discussion of the limits of the various views - establish and support own position - use solid reasoning and factual evidence to persuade readers

The environment is in bad shape. No, It's all good. Fossil fuel usage needs to stop soon. No, that current fossil fuels are good enough for now while we improve other options. We all impact the environment. No, That I don't have much of an impact on the environment The data is accurate. No, The data is skewed & biased

A proposal essay moves beyond reporting facts (the report) or arguing for a particular perspective in order to persuade the reader to take some kind of action in relation to your issue. The proposal will build on the position you have established and should, therefore, persuade the reader that it is indeed a problem that needs to be addressed, and then lay out a specific proposal to solve the problem. It should offer a conclusion that looks to the future and stresses the

importance of taking action.

- build on position - persuade reader that it is indeed a problem - lay out problem - offer a conclusion that looks to the future and stresses the importance of taking action

The purpose of my proposal is to curb environmental damage by suggesting alternative consumer practices and conservation of existing resources.

- Drive, fly, & in general commute less. Fossil fuels make up one of the largest contributors to environmental degradation - Seek out alternative energy sources in your own household. Personal solar energy & water heating. Gardening. Recycling trash, and composting. - Speak up to political and government leaders about energy and environment related issues - Keep your older phones and computers longer in order to prevent wasteful consumption.

- include images - include citations

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