

STOP & DARE Planning Sheet*

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List ideas for and against the premise or topic below. ↓

FOR	AGAINST
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If yes, go ↓

Can I think of anything else?

If no, go ↓

Possible arguments that I just thought of include, ... ↑

If none, go ↓

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Read the ideas on each side.

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O = Organize ideas.

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Make sure I choose at least ____ ideas to use.

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If yes, go ↓

Did I number the ideas I plan to use in the order I plan to use them? If yes, go ↓

P = Plan more as you write.

Follow DARE to ensure I write all four essay parts.

D = Develop a position statement.

Write your position statement below.

<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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