

Plastic Pollution and You

POSITION STATEMENT GUIDE SHEET

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Position Statement: A position statement is a stance you have on a topic. It describes one side of an arguable viewpoint.

How to write a position statement	
<p>State your position on a topic</p> <p>Choose a topic with two or more arguable viewpoints</p>	<p>Example: Is plastic pollution an issue in your life and your community? (how/why?)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.
<p>Justify your position</p>	<p>Create a list of reasons for your position:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.
<p>Research and cite credible sources</p>	<p>Research sources that support and oppose your position. Consider opposing viewpoints. Summarize and record sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.
<p>Draft your position statement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a sentence that summarizes your position in a clear and concise manner. • Write additional sentences that provide the supporting evidence for your position. • Read your position statement to a friend or classmate.
<p>Revise your position statement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to questions about your position or sources. • Re-write your statement to address questions and opposing arguments. • Try to respond to at least two opposing arguments in your final statement.

