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Activity 22: Considering the Writing Task

Write a letter to the School Board stating and explaining your choice of drinking water.

A new school district policy has been written that says every classroom in every school will have drinking water for all students. Students voted on their drinking water preference.

Choices were

1. Drinking fountain that uses tap water
2. Water dispenser (or water cooler) that uses bottled water
3. Individual bottles of water

The votes came in, and there is a three-way tie!

The School Board asks you to write a letter stating and explaining your choice of drinking water. They will read the letters and then make their decision.

Your letter will be evaluated on these criteria:

- Your response to the topic bottled vs. tap water
- Your understanding of the topic
- Your organization and development of ideas
- Your production of a formal error-free letter

Your letter could be the difference!

Activity 23: Taking a Stance—What Is Most Important to You?

Below are the main issues involved in the tap vs. bottled water debate. Rank each issue 1-5, in order of importance to you.

Main Issues	Order of Importance
Environmentally Responsible	
Health and Safety	
Affordability	
Convenience	
Consumer Preference	

Activity 25: Gathering Evidence to Support Your Claims

Find quotes from the three texts to support your position and to help explain each issue.

Fill in the chart below with supportive quotes, the sources, a paraphrasing of each quote, and words that make you sound like an expert on the topic.

Main Issues	Quotes	Who Says It and Where?	In Your Own Words	Possible Vocabulary
Example: Environmentally Responsible	“Each year, making the plastic water bottles used in the U.S. takes enough oil and energy to fuel a million cars,” says Annie Leonard in “The Story of Bottled Water.”	¶17 Annie Leonard in “The Story of Bottled Water”	Leonard accuses the bottled water industry of wasting oil and energy to make plastic water bottles that could instead be used to provide gas for millions of cars a year.	material economy sustainable