

## Evaluating Pros & Cons!

Further exploring energy resources & indigenous rights.

Directions: Read through the 2 articles in your small groups. These articles represent 2 of the sides, or perspectives, about extracting oil from the tar sands in Canada. 'Pros' represent positive things about extracting tar sand oil, and 'Cons' represent negative things.

It is your job to evaluate the **pros** (positives) and **cons** (negatives) related to this issue. **You will be asked to choose a side at the end of class.**

Pros +	Cons -
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*Based on the various pros and cons about extracting tar sands, I believe extracting oil from the Canadian tar sands is \_\_\_\_\_ . My beliefs are based on the following 3 pieces of evidence:*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Opinion Sharing & Debate Preparation!** Debating must be supported with EVIDENCE for your arguments. No evidence = you sound like you know nothing.

<p>If I was an Indigenous Canadian citizen, I would _____(support/protest) extracting the oil because:</p>	<p>If I worked for an oil company in Canada I would _____(support/protest) extracting the oil because:</p>
<p>My personal opinion is:</p>	<p>I talked to _____ (students name) who _____ (agrees/disagrees) with me because:</p>
<p>If I was going to argue or <b>debate</b> this issue with a classmate, my strongest point would be:</p>	<p>If I was going to <b>debate</b> this issue with _____ (students name) who <b>disagrees</b> with me, their strongest point would be:</p>