

1. List any issues on which you have a strong opinion: (tip think of things that you find yourself 'ranting' about frequently!)

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2. Circle the issue that most interests you or that you know a lot about.

3. Outline briefly your opinion on this issue.

4. Write down aspects of this issue you feel you would need to research or explore further. (Remember you will need facts to back up your opinion...)

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5. Separate to your opinion on this issue, who else do you feel is affected by it? How do you think you could persuade these people to pay more attention to this issue?

- Have you any ideas on what your main points might be and how you could order them?

Decide whether you would prefer to write a letter to the Editor or a comment piece.