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## Energy Sources: Debate Prompts

Energy is at the heart of modern life, but how we create it can shape our planet's future. In this activity, you will take a stance on the debate: "**Should society rely more on renewable energy than nonrenewable energy?**"

### Part A - Choose a Side

Decide if you are **FOR** or **AGAINST** society relying more on renewable energy.

- **FOR Renewable Energy:** Argue that solar, wind, hydropower, geothermal, and biomass should become the main sources of energy.
- **AGAINST Renewable Energy:** Argue that coal, oil, and natural gas should continue to be heavily used for energy needs.

### Part B - Debate Prompts

Respond to the following prompts in writing (3-4 sentences each). Be sure to support your answers with facts.

1. What is the strongest **advantage** of your side's energy choice?
2. What is one **weakness** of your side's energy choice that your opponent might bring up? How would you respond?
3. How does your side's energy choice affect the **environment**?
4. How does your side's energy choice affect the **economy** (jobs, cost, reliability)?
5. Imagine society 50 years from now if your side "wins." What will the world look like?

**Reflection:** After writing your arguments, switch sides and list **one reason the other side might be right**.