

Script for Perspectives

Situation: small group has a broad question that they need to narrow down

Our original group question was “are indigenous tribes still exploited today?” We felt strongly about this topic because of where we live and the history of relations with indigenous people in the country. Our group only consists of 2 members because we work really well together and decided that we didn’t want someone in our group that we hadn’t work with. We originally decided to split up our perspectives into cultural and economic exploitation; however, we realized that this question was too broad to only have two perspectives, so we needed to narrow down our question; we didn’t want more people in the group, so narrowing down the question was our only option. After much brainstorming, we agreed on our new question “is the economic exploitation of indigenous tribes prevalent today?” With this question, we split our perspectives into monetary and resource exploitation because we felt like this would encompass the entirety of economic exploitation. The monetary perspective allows us to discuss the way tribes are being exploited through labor and monetary issues, while the resource perspective allows us to explore the way land has been wrongfully taken from tribes. We choose to delve into the economic side of this issue and not something different because we felt as though this was the most prevalent way these tribes are being exploited. For instance, we chose not to center our question around the government because we felt that it was more related to the solution, not the problem. This leads me to my personal question, “Is the exploitation of indigenous tribes’ resources prevalent in the 21st century?”