

## What's Important?

These issues have been important in recent elections.

- > more jobs
- > better schools
- > better transportation
- > foreign trade
- > a cleaner environment
- > better housing
- > more health care
- > less crime
- > gun control
- > improving social security

Choose the one issue that is most important to you. If that issue is not on that list, add it to the list.

### Research and Report

Find out about your issue. Read the newspaper, magazines, and watch TV news shows, to learn about the issue. Then answer the following questions:

Is the issue important across the entire nation or only in one particular area? Why?

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Who is affected by the issue and how?

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What are the two major Presidential candidates saying about the issue?

Candidate 1

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Candidate 2

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**Get It Across**

Some voters decide on a candidate because of one issue that is very important to them. Gun control is a major issue. One of the amendments to the Constitution gives citizens the right to “bear arms”—to own guns. What is your position on this issue? Analyze the positions of the candidates for President on gun control.

Write a summary of each candidate’s position.

Candidate 1

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Candidate 2

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Review both positions. Then decide which position is closest to your own view.

Write a three-paragraph letter to the candidate whose view on gun control does not match yours at all. Explain in your letter why you think this candidate should change his view. Write persuasively. Include examples to support your position.

***Newspaper Connection***

Look through the Newspaper to find examples of events in which gun control could have affected the situation. Then write an editorial about gun control. Include those situations in your editorial as examples of why people should take the position you have.