

Farmer

1. How is water important to you as a farmer?
2. Explain how farmers used the San Joaquin River before the Friant Dam was installed.
3. How did the Friant Dam affect many San Joaquin Valley farmers?
4. Explain what the farmer's position is on the restoration of the San Joaquin River.
5. Rate the following in order of importance to a farmer: the water you drink and use for personal needs, the water used to grow food, and the water needed to support wildlife.
6. How could the river restoration project help or hurt you?

Environmentalist

1. How did the Friant Dam affect the wildlife of the San Joaquin River?
2. Salmon need to swim from the ocean and upstream a river to the mountains to lay their eggs. How did the Friant Dam affect the salmon, and what results did this have on the salmon population?
3. How does the change in the salmon population affect other plants and animals that live around the river?
4. Rate the importance of the uses of the San Joaquin River: the water you drink and use for personal needs, the water used to grow your food, and the water needed to support wildlife
5. As an environmentalist, do you think the Friant Dam was good or bad for your concerns? Explain your reasoning.
6. How could the river restoration project benefit or hurt you?

Politician

1. Why do politicians try to make everyone happy?
2. What new businesses might develop at the San Joaquin River if it was restored?
3. How would businesses or jobs created by the restoration of the San Joaquin River help you as a politician?
4. Describe how your background might influence your opinion on this topic?

5. Describe how people who donate money to politicians' re- elections influence their actions.
6. How do you think politicians should vote on the restoration project?
7. How could the river restoration project help or hurt you?

Resident of Southern California

1. Where does your water come from? (Even if you know this from reading the article, many Southern Californians may not know this. Let's be honest, many people do not know where their water comes from.)
2. Rate the importance of the uses of the San Joaquin River in order: the water you drink and personally use, the water used to grow your food, and the water needed to support wildlife.
3. Southern California is a desert. How does spending billions of dollars to take water from other sources in order to bring water to you make you feel?
4. Would you think it fair to charge southern California residents twice the amount of money for their water than other consumers in the state?
5. As a resident of southern California, do you think the Friant Dam was good or bad for you? Explain your reasoning.
6. How could the river restoration project help or hurt you?

Salmon Fisherman

1. How was your business doing before the Friant Dam was constructed?
2. How was your business after Friant Dam? Explain.
3. Rate the importance of the uses of the San Joaquin River in order: the water you drink and use, the water used to grow your food, and the water needed to support wildlife.
4. If the restoration project doesn't work, how would it affect your business?
5. As a fisherman, do you think the Friant Dam was good or bad for you? Explain your reasoning.
6. How could the river restoration project help or hurt you?

Community Group Directions

You will now form new groups with each group member representing a different perspective.

1. Go around the group and introduce yourselves from your assigned perspectives. Each person should give a summary of what he or she thinks and feels about the San Joaquin River Restoration Project.
2. Talk with your group, and try to persuade other people to take your side in this issue.
3. Vote as a group, and come to a conclusion for the solution that makes the most people satisfied.
4. Often the winner is the side with the most power. Look at the different perspectives. Which side do you think has the most power?
5. Be ready to share your group's conclusion with the class.
6. Given each of your perspectives, what are the three most critical needs that you have in common?

Quickwrite: Now that you have heard different perspectives on the issue of river restoration, what is your view regarding the best course of action? Which perspective or perspectives were the most persuasive in forming your view?

This assignment is due to my box, by the end of the class period tomorrow.