

**(Already completed) 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?

### **Activity 17: Taking a Stance and Gathering Evidence to Support Your Claims**

As you prepare to write, review the quickwrite above and your view regarding the best course of action for California on river restoration. Now review the annotations you made on the two articles, the summary you wrote for both articles, and your answers to the thinking critically questions (EPL Questions). Does this review change your view on the topic? Restate your position on river restoration in writing. Consider the following questions:

1. What support have you found for your position?
2. What evidence do you have for that support?
3. Is this piece of evidence a fact or an opinion? Is it an example?
4. If this evidence is a fact, what kind of fact is it (statistic, experimental result, quotation)?
5. If it is an opinion, what makes the opinion credible?
6. What makes this evidence persuasive?