



# project AGRICULTURE Project Page

## WRITE A BLOG POST OR OP-ED

An **op-ed** is a short opinion piece that appears in the editorial section of a newspaper or magazine. Editorial sections provide opinions. These opinions may be backed up with examples or research.

A **blog** is a place in which thinking and reflection can be shared online. It is like a journal that you can be shared publicly. Blogs can also provide “for” and/or “against” arguments in response to an issue, controversy or opinion.

- ❑ To prepare to write an op-ed, review examples of op-eds in print or online news publications. Pick two or three examples. In each example, highlight or write down the headline, a quotation that you like and the source. Discuss what makes your examples effective with a classmate or group member.
- ❑ Do the same with different blogs. Look at examples and identify the features of a blog post that makes it effective. Identify the source of the blog and explain the perspective of the writer .
- ❑ Include an introduction that presents your project question. Argue the justification for recommendations you are making or opinions you are sharing. Back up your arguments with examples and research.
- ❑ Argue the merits of a proposal, action or idea, present the “for” and “against” arguments involved in a food and farming myth or write about the benefits of sustainability practices or compelling aspects of a farmer’s work.
- ❑ You can choose to include photos, quotations and references.
- ❑ Save your blog post or op-ed as a PDF file to submit your project.

## OR USE YOUR OWN IDEA

Develop your own project format. You may decide you’d rather do an essay, a comic book or strip, a graphic novel or a poster. You may have your own ideas. Get the go-ahead from your teacher before you start.

