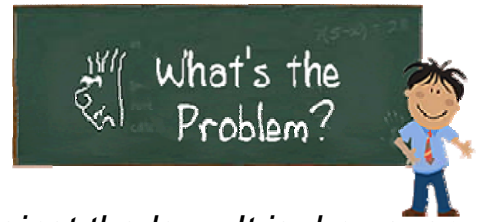


Teacher Instructions:



Problem Scenario: *Sports Betting*

The Main Problem: *Gambling on sporting events is against the law. It is, however, very common. In most cases, passionate fans simply make small wagers to make the games more exciting (such as during college basketball's "March Madness"). In some cases, much more money is at stake. Should gambling on sports be legalized so that it can become a way for fans to interact with the game? What are the issues involved?*

Your students will be viewing this problem from an **integrated** perspective.



Care to Make a Wager?

Students will review the pros and cons of sports gambling, and then decide whether it is a good idea or not.

Step 1

**Review
Stimulus
Items**

Stimulus Item #1 — "March Madness Betting" (infographic)

Stimulus Item #2— "Both Sides of the Gambling Issue" (editorials)

Stimulus Item #3— "Is March Madness Pool OK?" (online forum)

***Students should take notes as they review the Stimulus Items*

Step 2

**Classroom
Discussion**

Lead a **class discussion** about issues related to the topic. You are being provided a sheet to help you guide the classroom discussion.

Extended Responses: Have students answer the following questions. Remind students to use information from the Stimulus Items to support their response.

- 1. What would be the positive and negative outcomes of legalizing gambling in college and pro sports?**
- 2. After measuring the pros and cons, should sports gambling be legalized? What are the deciding factors?**

Step 3

**Student
Response**

****students should have access to their notes as they enter their answers*

****students may also have access to the Stimulus Items as they enter their answers*

EXTENDED PRODUCT (Optional): Divide your students into groups who are all going to act as elected officials in the United States Senate. Each group is a "**senate sub-committee**" that is looking at the possibility of legalizing sports betting in the United States (in most cases, it is illegal to bet on sports in any way). After weighing the options (many pros and cons have been provided within the stimulus items), the committees must write a 1-page **letter to lawmakers** to make their recommendation to the other Senators whether or not to legalize sports gambling. They must explain why their decision is in the best interest of the American people.

Step 4

Analysis

Rubrics to grade student entries have been provided, and all questions have been mapped to the content standards.