

The Tibet Question

Response Guide

*Respond to each question and explain **why** you take that position. "Yes" or "No" answers will not receive credit.*

Historical Background

1. Is Tibet really an independent country or is it part of China?
2. Are Tibetan human rights being violated by the Chinese government, or are they held to the same standards as ethnic Chinese citizens?
3. Are Westerners interfering in Chinese affairs unfairly, or are they defending Tibetans' human rights?
4. Are Westerners continuing a pattern of interference in Chinese matters?
5. Does the international community have a right to challenge the Chinese on their behavior toward Tibet?
6. What should be the solution for Tibet?

MEAT-Con Planning

MEAT-Con Prompt: "Are Tibet and its people oppressed by the Chinese government?"

List at least 3 reasons why it could be argued that Tibet is oppressed:

List at least 3 reasons why it could be argued that Tibet is not oppressed:

Based on each set of reasons, choose a side, then write a Main Idea statement that expresses your view responding to the prompt above.

Identify 3 supporting details for your side of the prompt that you would use as evidence to back up your argument:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What conclusion can you draw about this issue? Why should it matter to American students?