

Thinking Hat Activity



Class question: Should all citizens be required to serve in the military for 2 years?

Imagine you are the parent of twin boys. The twins are your only children. Both of your boys just turned 18 years old and are about to begin their mandatory military service for two years. Think about the class question from this point of view.

Write arguments for and against the class question using the T-Chart below. You do not have to write complete sentences.

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Imagine you are a 65 year old peace activist. You have marched in protests against wars and you believe that war is never an answer to any problem. Think about the class question from this point of view.

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Imagine you are a member of the parliament. Your jobs include making tax laws, monitoring the military, and creating government policies. Politics is your life. Think about the class question from this point of view.

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Imagine you are a 17 year old and your 18th birthday is in one month. The day after your birthday you will leave your home and go to serve in the military for two years. Think about the class question from this point of view.

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Imagine you are a senior member of your country's military. You entered the military when you were 18 years old, and for 20 years you have served your country. Think about the class question from this point of view.

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