Controversial Issues Checklist

Name: _____ Date: _____

Topic: _____

Assessed by: _____

Section 1: Research and Content	**yes**	**no**
1. Is the issue clearly and fairly stated?		
2. Are a number of "sides" identified?		
3. Is there a fair statement of what each "side" says about the issue?		
4. Are there visuals to help people to understand the issue (e.g., maps, pictures, charts…)?		
5. Is the language respectful regardless of the "side" being discussed?		
Section 2: Organization and Skills	**yes**	**no**
6. Is the information logically organized?		
7. Are the sentences and paragraphs complete and varied?		
8. Is the writer's choice clear and well-supported by evidence?		
9. Are the mechanics of writing correct? — spelling — punctuation		
Strengths Areas needing work		