

## Stasis Worksheet

Use this worksheet to develop ideas for your topic and questions to explore. First write down the question you are going to discuss. Once you have a question or issue, work through the stasis questions. Rewrite the questions to fit your topic specifically, and make notes about what kinds of information you need to answer the questions. In some cases, you may find that you want to rewrite your main question after working through the stasis questions.

Question under discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Fact or Conjecture: Does it exist? Did it happen?
  - a. Is it true, or is it only opinion?
  - b. Where did it come from? How did it begin?
  - c. What is its cause?
  - d. Can it be changed?
  
2. Definition: How can the act or event be defined?
  - a. What kind of thing or event is it?
  - b. To what larger class of things does it belong?
  - c. What are its parts? How are they related?

3. Quality: What is the character of the act?
  - a. Is it a good or a bad thing?
  - b. Should it be sought or avoided?
  - c. Was it right or wrong?
  - d. Is it honorable or dishonorable?
  - e. Is it better or worse than something else?
  - f. Is it more or less important than something else?
  
4. Policy: What should we do?
  - a. Should some action be taken?
  - b. What actions are possible or desirable?
  - c. How will proposed actions change the current state of affairs?
  - d. How will proposed actions make things better?