

## **Mock Council Meeting - Curfew Bylaw**

**Topic:** Should the City of Lethbridge have a curfew for anyone under the age of 16.

Students should identify several options both for and against this topic. These positions will be used in their arguments during the *mock Council Meeting*.

Examples:

<b>Advantages of a Curfew Bylaw</b>	<b>Disadvantages of a Curfew Bylaw</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anyone under the age of 16 are off the streets at a specific time.</li><li>• Vandalism in the community may be prevented/reduced.</li><li>• There may be less opportunity for illicit behaviour.</li><li>• Less noise in the community because kids are inside.</li><li>• It could protect children from unsafe activities.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Those who have jobs may not get off work before the curfew starts.</li><li>• In the summer it is light out much later, and kids often participate in activities that run later.</li><li>• Parents will have to ensure they get their kids home before the curfew begins.</li><li>• Under the curfew, children may not be able to participate in community events after the curfew time.</li></ul>

After identifying their arguments and information, students are encouraged to complete the **Mock Council Prep Sheet**. This form allows students to outline their arguments and information for debate.

