# Stakeholders Worksheet

**Brainstorm**: *Use the space below to list who is involved in your topic.*

*Circle 3 stakeholders you would like to work with, list them below.*

| Stakeholder #1 | Stakeholder #2 | Stakeholder #3 |
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| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| How are they involved? | How are they involved? | How are they involved? |
| Basic ideas / beliefs? | Basic ideas / beliefs? | Basic ideas / beliefs? |
| Why is their opinion / viewpoint important? | Why is their opinion / viewpoint important? | Why is their opinion / viewpoint important? |
| What sources will represent their viewpoints? | What sources will represent their viewpoints? | What sources will represent their viewpoints? |

# Things to Consider

## How are they Involved?

- o Stakeholders can be: individuals, socio-economic groups, organizations, governments, and more! Don't limit your list of stakeholders to the groups most obviously impacted.
- o Consider how each stakeholder is impacted by your topic.

## Basic Ideas / Beliefs?

- o Assess the stakeholder's main arguments and evidence.
- o Compare and contrast the opinions of your stakeholders.
- o Note the strengths and weaknesses of the stakeholder's argument.

## Why is their opinion / viewpoint important?

- o Your topic does not exist in a vacuum! The topic is affected by other issues and outside forces. In order to understand your topic, you need to consider multiple perspectives and how they intersect.
- o Each stakeholder will present a different perspective on the topic.
- o Consider how the stakeholders are similar / dissimilar.

## What sources will represent their viewpoints?

- o Different stakeholders will use different avenues for expressing their opinions.
- o Examples:
  - The government's position on an issue can be found in government reports.
  - Databases like *Academic Search Complete* can help you find articles that offer researchers' perspectives.
  - Magazines and newspapers like *The Nation* can show political and cultural opinions.

### *Tip!*
Always take time to evaluate your sources, no matter where they come from!

(For help evaluating, visit: http://www.lib.umd.edu/binaries/content/assets/public/usereducation/evaluating-information.pdf)