

## Reader Response: What's the Issue?

1. Identify an issue that arises as you read, listen to, or view a text. For example, a point the author raises, such as unequal access to schooling, a problem with homelessness, or lack of free speech.
2. Jot down the issue on the graphic organizer. Then reflect and think about your opinions. What do you think about this issue? Why do you have those opinions? Jot your ideas on the graphic organizer.
3. As you prepare for a book club discussion, look at your entries and the issues you identified. Think of a discussion starter or two about the issue. For example, if an African village had no water, you may start a discussion by saying, "What kind of impact do you think this had on their lives?" or "I've heard of organizations that help villages dig a well. I checked it out on a Website and found out .... Do you think anyone in the village has heard of this plan?"
4. After the book club discussion, jot down any new thoughts you may have after hearing other people's ideas and opinions. For example, you may have changed your mind about an issue or found out important new information that made you rethink.

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