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Cuyahoga Valley National Park Write an Op-Ed

Question: How can photographs be used to communicate a message to an audience?

Procedure: Imagine it's the summer of 1972 - you've been reading in the local newspapers about Congress considering passing a new law called The Clean Water Act that would set national water pollution standards and provide funding for improving and cleaning waterways. Remembering how you read about the Cuyahoga River fire a few years ago, you decide to write an opinion piece in your local newspaper, with the hope that your representative in congress will vote with your best interests in mind.

Choose one of the following viewpoints to write your op-ed:

- Environmental activist
- Commercial fisherman
- Factory owner
- College student
- Resident living near the Cuyahoga River

Complete the outline below and use it to write a three paragraph essay, stating your position, the actions you'd like your congressperson to take, and why that would be beneficial to you and others like you. Take some time to revise your draft, then select a photo (Use this [folder](#) to choose a picture) to communicate your ideas.

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| Introduction paragraph - What is your main idea? | <p>What are you asking for: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Who is asking for this: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>When do you want it: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Why do you want it: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>How will it happen: _____</p> <p>_____</p> |
| Background - Why is this important? | <p>What are two things your audience needs to know before considering your position?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>What is the counterargument?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>What evidence can you use to disclaim the counterargument?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> |

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| Conclusion - What is your strongest argument? | What is the most important reason for supporting your position? |
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| | What's the most compelling evidence for your claim? |
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| | Summarize your position in 2-3 sentences. |
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Final Draft:

Title:

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