Unit 3.02

Should our use of paper or plastic be an individual choice or be regulated by the government? Debating the Issue



I. Get ready...

Pick one of these positions (or create your own).

City governments should ban plastic bags. There is enough research to show that we are hurting the future of the earth. It is the government's responsibility to ensure our safety.

City governments should limit the number of plastic bags grocery stores give out. People should be encouraged to use paper bags or bring their own.

City governments should not regulate bags.
Grocery stores are private, so the
government should not be able to tell them
how to operate their business.

City governments should ban paper bags instead of plastic. Paper bags are more harmful to the environment.

2. Get set...

Be ready to provide evidence to back up your position during your class discussion or debate. Jot down a few quick notes: GO

Be a strong participant by using phrases like the

I believe that...

I agree with you because. . .

You make a good point, but have you considered...

Can you show me evidence in the text that supports what you said?