



### CLOSE READING PURPOSE:

When authors give their opinion, they support it with reasons and evidence. Read paragraph 17 of "Natural Gas: The Natural Choice for Hopeville," and annotate the evidence the author gives to support the opinion that natural gas should be the choice for Hopeville. Record the evidence in the chart.

① Evidence:

*Reasons why natural gas is a good choice:*

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② Evidence:

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③ Evidence:

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④ Evidence:

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⑤ Evidence:

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Which of the following is evidence that supports the idea that natural gas is a good alternative for Hopeville? Choose two answers.

APPLY IT!

- A. Solar power may be cheaper to use someday.
- B. There is a natural gas reserve located in Hopeville.
- C. Natural gas is a more cost-effective source compared to solar energy.
- D. Carlos Hill is in favor of using natural gas.



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You've read a text that has three different opinions stated. Evaluate the reasons and evidence each writer gave to support their opinion. Who had the strongest argument?

"SUNSHINE IS FREE: GO SOLAR"

"TOO MANY STATISTICS, TOO FEW FACTS"

"Hopeville should build a solar plant."

"More information is needed first."

Reasons and evidence that support this opinion:

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Who has the stronger argument?



Which of the following best supports the main point made by the author of "Sunshine is Free: Go Solar!"?

APPLY IT!

- A. There are important questions that need to be answered before making a decision about what type of power to use.
- B. Fossil fuels are harmful to the environment.
- C. The Mesa Palms solar plant works well.
- D. While it is costly, solar energy will last forever and provide clean energy.