

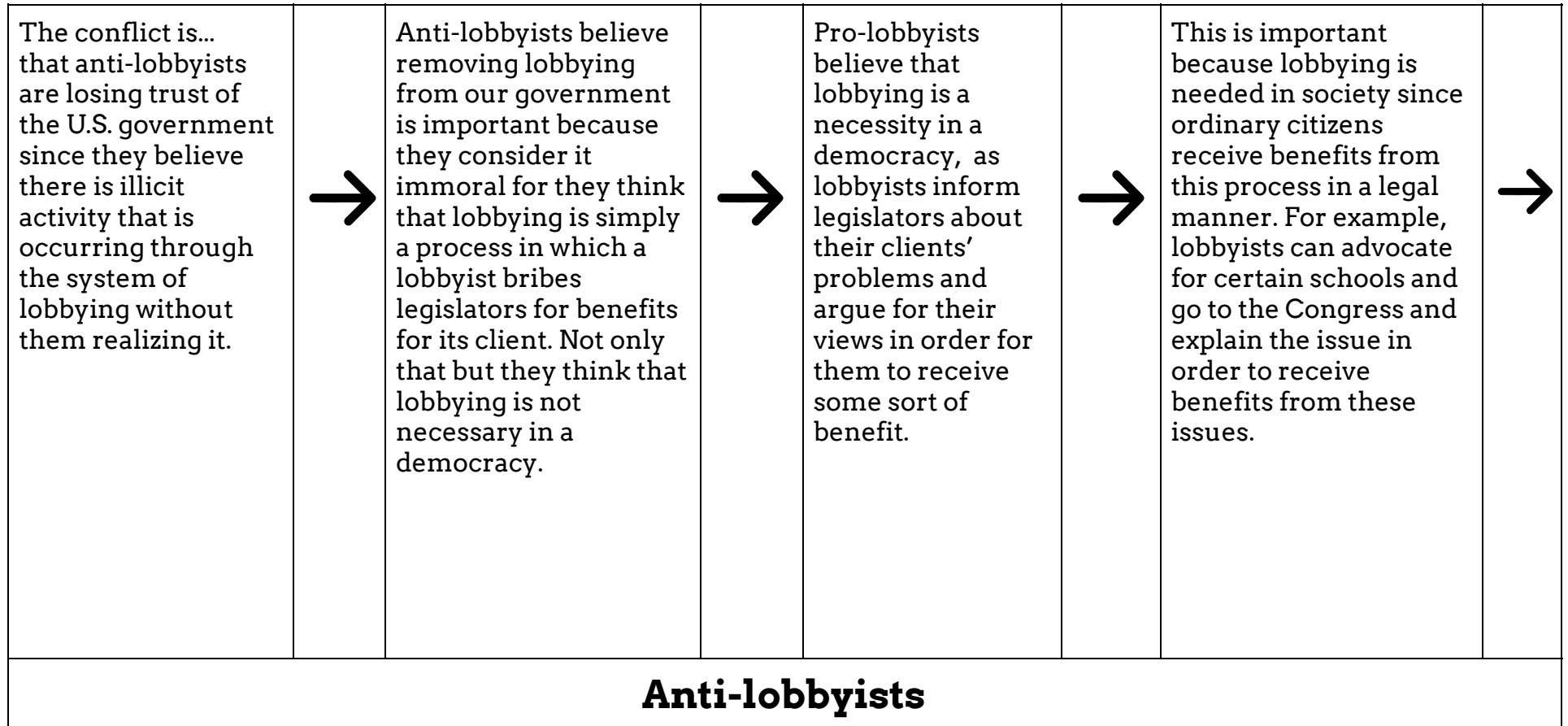
Symposium scholars, here is a template that you can type into (make a copy for yourselves). Be sure to erase things that are in parenthesis, or re-word ideas to make them flow better. You must CUT out the strips (each side) and the center resolution box. Then, you must use construction paper (in a color that matches your ideas), to then glue it on your board. This should also be part of what your teacher checks when you get the "Information Synthesis Document" checked and approved. You are allowed to change the font, as long as it is appropriate to your subject matter and easy to read.

SIDE B (RIGHT SIDE) (The arrows go toward the center box)

←	<p>This is important because lobbying has caused the government to hide actions from its citizens and they have been overwhelmingly influenced by interest groups and may be doing illegal things without us, the citizens, having a clue about it, which wouldn't be democratic.</p>	←	<p>Anti-lobbyists believe that lobbying should be illegal because they think that the government is being overwhelmingly influenced by interest groups, such as companies, who are motivated by financial gains.</p>	←	<p>The U.S. government believes maintaining the contributions of lobbyists is important because they rely on lobbyists to be informed about different needs from different interest groups. Many organizations in the U.S. rely on lobbying to help benefit themselves and when they benefit themselves they also benefit the citizens as they use them or buy from them.</p>	←	<p>The conflict is that the U.S. government functions with the influence of lobbyists. Lobbyists inform lawmakers, but some people believe that this influence is undemocratic.</p>
<p>Pro-lobbyists</p>							

SIDE A (LEFT SIDE) (the arrows go towards the center box)

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A relevant resolution that can be made is for every state Representative and Senator to be required to post every meeting, outing, dinner, and financial contribution that has been made by companies and lobbyists. Increasing transparency would provide the constituents (voters) with more information about who they voted for and what companies and interests they are influenced by. This way, voters will know which companies are represented and Congressmen can also continue to be informed by lobbyists. This would be a compromise.



**RELEVANT
RESOLUTIONS**



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