Opinion-Proof

**Purpose:**
Activity can be used as prewriting for a persuasive essay or to prepare for a class debate.

**Materials:**
Reliable sources like newspapers or journals for student research

**Procedure:**
Have students create a chart (like the one that follows), placing an opinion they have on their own in the left-hand column and facts to back-up the opinion statement in the right-hand column. The facts can be gathered from a text or newspaper or other reliable source.

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<th>Opinion</th>
<th>Proof</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[Place opinion statement here]</td>
<td>- [List series of facts gained from research here]</td>
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More information on Opinion-Proof can be found at http://www.readingquest.org