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# Energy Journal

**Directions:** Complete an energy journal entry after each major step of the project.

**Step 1: Research a State's Energy Consumption Patterns and Potential Energy Resources – Journal Prompt:** What did you find surprising or interesting about your state's energy consumption and potential resources? How do you think the people of your state could be more involved in ensuring a healthy use of energy resources?



**Step 2: Rank Priorities– Journal Prompt:** Looking at the comparison of your rankings with those of other teams, why do you think your list of priorities is different? Did reading the comments of other teams make you reconsider your own ranking? How did your perspective of the priorities change as you discussed them with your teammates or with other teams?

**Step 3: Prioritize Energy Options and Create an Energy Plan – Journal Prompt:** What was the most difficult part of prioritizing the energy options? Did you or any of your team members have any significant differences of opinion that changed over time? How did you come to consensus?



**Step 4: Compare Your Plan Options with Previous Energy Policies – Journal Prompt:** Looking back at previous energy policies, what didn't they take into account about the future? How can we make the best plans possible when we can't know what is in store for us in the future?

**Step 5: Compare Your Plan Options with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 – Journal Prompt:** From what you've learned so far about possible energy resources and policies, what do you wish our government leaders would take more seriously? What underdeveloped resource do you think should be explored more? Do you think the provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 will provide enough energy to support our desired quality of life in the future? Why or why not?





**Step 6: Present Decisions and Findings – Journal Prompt:** How have your opinions, attitudes, or understanding about how we use energy changed over the course of this project? Do you think we will be able to balance our energy needs and environmental concerns in the future? Why or why not? What can individuals do to make a difference? What can *you* do to make a difference?