NIMBY: NOT IN MY BACKYARD Worksheet 1

Number the following statements from 1-15. Start with number 1 for the place you would like the closest to your home. Number 15 will be the farthest from your home.

_____Center where older persons are cared for when they can no longer live alone

_____Residential treatment center for teenagers with drug or behavioral problems. They live there until the court says they can return home.

_____Elementary school and playground for 450 children

_____Waste dump where toxic materials will be stored forever

_____City landfill (garbage) area that has no known toxic wastes

_____Small airport with private small planes

_____Shelter for homeless families

_____Shelter for abused children

_____Solar power plant

_____Mobile home park for winter visitors

_____Chicken farm

_____Thrift store

_____Large shopping center

_____Drug store that sells many other products (like Walgreens)

_____City park
NIMBY: NOT IN MY BACKYARD Worksheet 2
Write the numbers 1-15 (from your list) on the diagram below showing where you would want these places located in relation to your home.
Choose a newspaper article dealing with a NIMBY issue. Read the article and answer the following questions in complete sentences and be sure to include specific details from the article.

1. What is the central idea of the article? (5pts)

2. Identify at least one aspect of the text that reveals the author’s point of view (loaded language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts). (5pts)

3. What is one fact in this article? (5pts)

4. What is one opinion in this article? (5pts)

5. Is this article well balanced in presenting both sides? Explain. (5pts)
Reading Assignment Comparing Articles

Find several newspaper articles dealing with the same NIMBY issue. Read the articles and answer the following questions in complete sentences and be sure to include specific details from the articles.

1. What is the **central issue** of the articles? (5pts)

2. **Create a chart showing the** article’s differing points of view on the same issue by assessing the authors’ claims, reasoning, and evidence. Your chart should look similar to this example. (10pts)

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<th>Author/Spokesperson</th>
<th>Mayor Jones</th>
<th>Resident of neighborhood</th>
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<td><strong>Stance on the issue</strong></td>
<td>Wants to build the hotel</td>
<td>Doesn’t want to build the hotel</td>
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<td><strong>Evidence given (may be more than one)</strong></td>
<td>1. Will boost the economy 2. More tourists will visit 3. Land prices will increase</td>
<td>Will cause too much traffic</td>
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<td><strong>Fact or Opinion (Address each piece of evidence you write above)</strong></td>
<td>1. <strong>Opinion</strong>—no one can prove how much money this will raise for the community at this time 2. Fact—opening a hotel in our town did bring more tourists 3. Fact—land prices near the other hotel went up</td>
<td><strong>Fact</strong> There is no traffic at this time so a hotel would definitely add traffic.</td>
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3. **In one page**, state your position on this issue using evidence from the articles you read.