Curriculum Materials

Introduced Species: Harmless or Armed Invaders?

Writing Assignment

Writing Situation:

Invasive exotic plants and animals change the makeup of ecosystems they take over, but some exotics do not invade.

Directions for Writing:

Before you begin writing, think about the following statements:

- The US government should allow every exotic plant or animal species into the country.
- The US government should allow only exotics we know are not invasive into the country.
- The US government should not allow any exotic species into the country.

Now choose the statement you most agree with and persuade the reader of your paper that your selection is the best for the U.S.