

## **Post-Debate Discussion:**

*Why did the Canadian government eventually agree to store American nuclear weapons in the 1960s?*

*Why did Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau reverse this decision in 1971 and declare Canada a non-nuclear nation? If you were in charge of deciding whether or not Canada should become a nuclear nation today, what would your decision be? What are the reasons you have made that decision?*

*How do factors such as the political affiliations of the Cabinet and the context of international affairs affect major national policy decisions?*

*Are factors such as getting re-elected or fiscal responsibility taken into account when politicians make important national policy decisions?*

*Which arguments do you feel were the strongest in the debate? Why?*

*Which arguments or issues did you think were the least relevant to the debate? Why?*

*What is one argument that you would like more information on before you could make an informed decision?*

*If the Prime Minister made a decision during a Cabinet Debate that you did not agree with, would you be upset enough to remove yourself from the Cabinet and jeopardize your government's reputation?*

*Do you think that the rules of Cabinet help Ministers make the right decisions? Why or why not?*

*Did the structure of the debate make it easier or more difficult to argue and discuss differing opinions?*