Directions. Read the items in the list below. Refer to at least three of the items in your responses to the prompts that follow.

Elements of a Forum

- avoiding arguments
- focusing on one issue
- listening respectfully
- researching the issue
- being open-minded
- forum's time frame
- making trade-offs
- responding to others
- considering choices
- issue books
- moderator's role
- sharing experiences

1. In participating in the forum, I benefited from ____________________________
   because ____________________________

2. In participating in the forum, I had the most trouble with ____________________________
   because ____________________________

3. In a future forum, I would like to see more ____________________________
   ____________________________

4. In a future forum, I would like to see less ____________________________
   ____________________________

5. In a future forum, I will try to ____________________________
   ____________________________
Discussion Starter 7: What’s Next?

Directions. The prompts below may help you determine what actions you might take, now that you have participated in an issue forum. Complete the prompts using the lines provided.

NIF Issue:

1. Below are a few activities or actions you might consider after you have completed an issue forum. Check off which actions you would be willing to do.
   - [ ] Write to an elected official
   - [ ] Take action in the community
   - [ ] Organize or participate in another forum
   - [ ] Write an article or a letter to the editor of a newspaper

2. List at least two more related activities or actions that you might consider.
   
   

Complete the following two statements:

3. I am/am not (circle one) willing to take action about the issue because
   
   

4. I might be willing to take action about the issue if
   
   

5. Would you prefer to act alone or with a group? Why?
   
   

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