End Stage 3 English – Discussion – Grade B

TO DAM OR NOT TO DAM

The problem of Hoover Dam is one debated over many times. Hoover Dam is a high-arch gravity dam and the water supply to the dam is the Colorado River. The building of this dam is located in Black Canyon in America. Local community groups considered in this consist of aquaculturists and agriculturists, industrial groups, naturalists and birdwatchers, hunters and trappers, local fisherman and rural residents. Five of these stakeholders believe that Hoover Dam shouldn’t be built and only one of these stakeholders believe that Hoover Dam should go ahead.

Local industrial groups believe that Hoover Dam should go ahead because they get more money, which leads to bigger salaries for their workers. Industry groups get more money from logging local forests and they provide electricity to major states in America. These states include Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Sandiego. Las Vegas uses a lot of electricity and therefore it provides major money from tourism. On the other hand there is some evidence that supports the beneficial side of building Hoover Dam. One of those reasons is air pollution. The local industries are receiving many complaints about air pollution from the local residents. They have also received complaints about the noise in the area. Overall, there are more arguments that support building Hoover Dam.

The aquaculturists and agriculturists in the area believe that Hoover Dam should not be built. They believe this because they are losing animals, plants and trees. This stakeholder group is losing all of their business to the building of the dam. As a consequence, these people are losing money to use for food, housing and medical needs. As a result of losing business, ecosystem functions are failing and habitats are being changed, resulting in other animals finding it hard to live. However, there are some benefits for this stakeholder group. Because of the tamed water, aquaculturists are finding it easier to grow food and plants to sell at the market. Another benefit is that agriculturists are getting more land to build lands to grow crops. Overall there are numerous arguments to suggest that building Hoover Dam is beneficial.

The naturalists and birdwatchers in the area, also believe that Hoover Dam should not be built. They believe this because the birdwatchers are losing birds and the naturalists are losing native species. Native species to the area are dying because of habitat changes and modified habitats. This is bad because if the area is losing native species, it looses tourism for the town. Therefore the economy goes down and the town doesn’t have any money for new technology or new buildings. There is no evidence to support building Hoover Dam, therefore the naturalists and birdwatchers are against building the dam.

The local fishermen believe that Hoover Dam should not go ahead and be built because they are losing money to live on. In the local river, the temperature of the water is changing daily, and some fish are finding it hard to adapt so quickly to these changes of habitat. There is also a number of fish being reduced due to tidal effects in the area. Yet, there is one benefit for the fishermen. 50 new species have been introduced in the local river, allowing more business. The consequence is that most of the new species introduced can not be sold and bought. There is significant evidence to support not building Hoover Dam, as a result, the local fishermen argue that Hoover Dam should not be built.

The rural residents in the area also believe that Hoover Dam should not be built. They believe this because people in the area are becoming sick and dying and they are losing
homes due to the building of the dam. Local people are becoming terribly sick because of diseases. However, that isn’t the only problem affecting humans. People are dying from car crashes. This is due to heavy traffic along the main roads because of the construction of Hoover Dam. In spite of that, there is a benefit for this stakeholder group. There is now more land for rural towns. This is due to logging of forests around the area. Overall, the most supporting argument suggests that Hoover Dam should not be built. For this reason, the rural residents argue that Hoover Dam should not be built.

The hunters and trappers in the area also agree that Hoover Dam should not be built. This is because they are losing animals and native species. This stakeholder group is losing animals to sell their fur and meat at the market. Consequently, they are losing business and money to live off for essentials like housing, food and medical needs. The loss of native animals affects the town’s economy. Native species draw in tourists from all over the country. If this stops happening, the town will lose money for better technology and new buildings. There is no evidence to support building Hoover Dam, therefore the hunters and trappers are against building Hoover Dam.

In conclusion, there is a lack of evidence to support building Hoover Dam, however the more convincing arguments suggest that not building Hoover Dam is beneficial.

An effective conclusion, summing up the argument