

Sample Questions for Bell-Ringer Writing

- The Curiosity's journey to Mars cost 8 billion dollars. Was that money well spent? Why or why not?
- What should the United States do to make sure contagious diseases don't spread to major cities?
- What young adult novel would you recommend be made into a movie? Why?
- Why is immigration such a complex issue?
- Explain this statistic: Ratio of seriously mentally ill people held in U.S. state prisons and jails to those held in state psychiatric hospitals: 10:1.
(<http://harpers.org/archive/2014/06/harpers-index-362/>) What should be done about this problem?
- What conflict do many characters share in novels or short stories? Is it a realistic conflict, based on your own experiences?
- Why do people engage in forms of rioting that bring about more harm than good to their causes?
- Cemetery space is becoming a premium in many areas, especially large cities. Should cities pass laws that allow only cremation?

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