*The minimum wage in the U.S. has been the subject of debate for many years. Many people argue that we should be careful about sharp increases in the minimum wage because of the resulting inflation (higher labor costs equal higher consumer prices) and layoffs. Others believe that the minimum wage is too low to support families and should be raised to keep up with the cost of living.*

*> Take one side of the issue, and argue for it with strong supporting facts or reasons.*

*> Support your response with examples from your experiences, observations, or readings.*