

3. Because of safety concerns, many states have increased the age at which teens can begin to drive. Your state legislature is considering raising the minimum driving age from 16 to 18. Do you think the minimum driving age should be raised? Take a position on this issue. Support your response with reasons and specific examples.

## Restate Prompt

Should the state legislature raise the driving age from 16 to 18?

## Thesis:

The driving age should remain at 16 to foster independence and maturity among teens.

The state legislature should consider raising the minimum driving age from 16 to 18 in order to protect citizens, increase safety, and offer a higher level of security.

## Raise Driving Age

- protect citizens by preparing drivers for a longer period of time
- increase safety - older drivers are less reckless
- higher level of security - older drivers are more calm, have more patience, have more experience, more control of instincts

## Maintain Driving Age

- Cruel to increase age - teens count on this rite of passage
- Teens need independence - gradual separation from parents necessary
- Teens need transportation - for family, work, sports, activities, errands
- Teens are mentally and psychologically ready to drive.