

Argument Based Research Paper Topics

1st Block Choices

1. Should there be a national high school exit exam?
2. Should students be required to take foreign language to graduate from high school?
3. Should the state continue to fund fine arts in public schools?
4. Should college athletes be paid a salary/stipend to play?
5. Does grammar still matter in the world of texting and Twitter?
6. Is video gaming helpful or harmful?
7. Should young children be pushed to compete in athletics?
8. Should those collecting welfare have mandatory drug testing?
9. What are the helpful/harmful effects of cell phones on dating?
10. How can American education be improved?
11. At what age should children have unlimited access to social media?
12. Is it a good idea for people to adopt children from another ethnic group?
13. Should we support modern bowdlerizing?
14. How important is race to the American identity?
15. Are students or teachers responsible for low test scores?
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17. Should teachers be armed with guns?
18. Should tobacco be banned altogether?
19. What is the correct age/setting for sex education?
20. Who/What is to blame for the rise in terrorism?
21. Should fathers be granted mandatory paternity leave?
22. Should the federal/state government mandate a maximum class size in public schools?
23. Home school students should/should not be required to follow state guidelines and participate in standardized testing.
24. What can America do to combat voter apathy?
25. When should a youthful offender be tried as an adult?
26. Every American young person should spend 2-3 years completing community/military service.
27. Are test scores (ACT/SAT) a good indicator of a student's future success?
28. Does religion have a place in American politics?
29. Should convicted felons lose their right to vote?
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31. Are there any careers that are exclusively for one gender?
32. What are the benefits of gender based education?
33. Should schools teach cursive writing?
34. Is bullying an epidemic?
35. What is the solution to the teacher shortage?
36. What type of society supports honor killings?

4th Block Choices

1. Is homework a waste of time?
2. How young is too young for cosmetic surgery?
3. Do we have a responsibility to recycle?
4. Should we educate children of illegal immigrants?
5. Should terminally ill people have a right to die?
6. Should single people be allowed to adopt?
7. Church or State? Who should assist the homeless?
8. Does technology make us more alone?
9. The positives and negatives of a flat income tax.
10. Should we abolish Halloween?
11. Should schools group kids according to ability?
12. What rights do women still need to fight for?
13. Do we need more female superheroes?
14. Should colleges ban fraternities?
15. Do colleges and employers read your social media posts?
16. Do school uniforms affect student achievement?
17. Will humans someday live on Mars?
18. Are American zoos ethical?
19. Is tipping in America out of control?
20. Should everyone get a trophy? What are the effects of participation trophies?
21. Are energy drinks really harmful?
22. Should parents still vaccinate their children?
23. What are some common traits among suicide bombers?
24. Should America embrace isolationism?
25. Are emotional support animals real or a scam?
26. Should parents track their teenager's location?
27. Should we abolish daylight savings time?
28. Are beauty pageants beneficial to young girls?
29. What are the benefits of a four-day work/school week?
30. Is drinking milk healthy for humans?
31. Obesity: disease or choice?
32. Should celebrities weigh in on politics?