

## Argumentative Topics

These are some suggested topics for your essay. Remember that the best topic for you is one that you are truly interested in researching.

1. Should reading skills be taught in science and social studies classes?
2. Should students be able to grade their teachers?
3. Is the death penalty an effective deterrent to crime?
4. How well do standardized tests measure a student's abilities?
5. Do we spend too much time preparing for standardized tests?
6. Should all states legalize marijuana?
7. Do curfews keep teens from getting into trouble?
8. Should parents give their children allowances for completing chores?
9. Should animals be used for research?
10. Should the school day be lengthened?
11. Should colleges look at just test scores for admittance?
12. Does having fewer students per class lead to more student learning?
13. Should PE be optional for all students?
14. Are professional athletes paid too much?
15. Should the military branches be allowed to recruit at high schools?
16. Should students' computers at school be less filtered?
17. Can cell phones be educational tools?
18. Does playing video games lead to violent behavior?
19. Should computer games be used for instructional purposes?
20. Does homework actually help students learn?
21. Can you trust what you read online?
22. Are reality shows about teen pregnancy effective in preventing pregnancy?
23. Is social media affecting people's lives negatively?
24. Should social media become a learning tool?
25. Is football too dangerous for middle school students?
26. Should college athletes be paid?
27. Should students who are home-schooled be allowed to play on public school teams?
28. Should there be educational requirements for parents who home school their children?
29. Are healthier school lunches an effective way to change eating habits?
30. Are schools effective in stopping bullying?
31. Should grades be replaced with a pass/fail system?
32. Should all American students be required to take Spanish?
33. Should the driving age be raised?
34. Should grades in non-academic subjects, such as PE, band, and chorus, affect a student's grade point average?
35. Should school athletes be required to pass all their classes to play their sports?
36. Should the government put a higher tax on junk food?
37. Should pit bull dogs be outlawed?
38. Should people have to attend parenting classes when they are expecting?
39. Should schools start later in the morning?
40. Should unhealthy food come with a warning label?