

Argument Topics - Middle School

1. Do curfews keep teens out of trouble?
2. Are we too dependent on computers?
3. Should cigarette smoking be banned?
4. Are cell phones dangerous?
5. Should the government have a say in our diets?
6. Are actors and professional athletes paid too much?
7. Are CEOs paid too much?
8. Do violent video games cause behavior problems?
9. Is global climate change man-made?
10. Does participation in sports keep teens out of trouble?
11. Should the government provide health care?
12. Is homework harmful or helpful?
13. Should students be allowed to grade their teachers?
14. Is the cost of college too high?
15. Should we rethink how long students spend in school?
16. Do schools provide students with enough opportunities to be creative?
17. How important is arts education?
18. Does technology make us more alone?
19. Are we distracted by technology?
20. Do apps help you or just waste your time?
21. Should people be allowed to hide their identities online?
22. What should the punishment be for acts of cyberbullying?
23. What role will robots play in our future?
24. Why aren't there more women in leadership roles?
25. Why aren't more girls choosing to pursue careers in math and science?

26. Should athletes who take performance-enhancing drugs have to forfeit their titles and medals?
27. What local problems do you think your mayor should try to solve?
28. When is the use of military force justified?
29. What is more important: our privacy or national security?
30. Should rich people have to pay more taxes?
31. Do laws that ban offensive speech make the world a better or worse place?
32. Is modern culture ruining childhood?
33. Are adults hurting young children by pushing them to achieve?
34. Should we shop more at locally owned businesses?
35. Should vaccination be mandatory?
36. Does buying and accumulating more and more stuff make us happier?
37. Is your generation more or less self-centered than earlier generations?
38. Should scientists try to help people beat old age so we can live longer lives?
39. Should we continue with space exploration programs?
40. Do you think life exists — or has ever existed — somewhere besides earth?
41. Choose one element of society today — what will it be like in 10 or 20 years?