

401 Prompts for Argumentative Writing

Student Opinion

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Student Editoria' Contest/ 0In %01&\$ t(e dates for entering are Mar)(% to Apri' 4/3

What's your favorite question on this list? What 5 questions should we add but haven't yet, tell us in the comments!

And visit our related list as well: 7:0 Prompts for Narrative and Persona Writing!

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1/ Does technology make us more alone?
 2/ Is Social Media making us more narcissistic?
 3/ Will Social Media help or hurt our College and Career goals?
 4/ Would you consider deleting your 2nd account?
 5/ Does 2nd - need a 1st - e. Button?
 6/ Has 2nd - lost its edge?
 7/ Should we say on 2nd - Be rounds for letting 2nd?
 8/ Would you be willing to pay for 2nd - or log in EA) (ange for your Privacy?
 9/ Are Anonymous Social Media "et" or -s dangerous?
 10/ Should people be allowed to O+sure, (eir Identities Online?
 11/ Is Our Culture of Online S(aming Out of Control?
 12/ Is Snap) (at a #evo'utionary 2orm of Social Media?
 13/ Do Apps help you or Cost Waste your, ime?
 14/ Do you Spend, oo Mu) (, ime on Smartp(ones P'aying ?Stupid Games?
 15/ Is Po-Dmon !o a Positive Cultura' 2or)e? Or Is it Cust Anot(er EA)use for people to Stare at, (eir P(ones?
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 17/ Do you Worry We Are 2i'ming, oo Mu) (8
 18/ How Many, eAt Messages Are, oo Many?
 19/ Does Pun)uation in, eAt Messages Matter?
 20/ Can a ! 2 Wor- Better, (an Words?

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 22/ Does, e) (nology in the Classroom Ever !et in the Way of learning?

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Persona's Conduct

1/ Should Athletes Who Lose Have to Forfeit Their Medals?

2/ How Big a Deal Is It, That a Player Came Out as Gay?

3/ Should Women's Baseball Be Allowed to Be Professional?

4/ Should College Athletes Be Paid?

5/ Is It Inherently Offensive to Name a Team?

6/ Is It Offensive for Sports Teams to Use an American Name and Mascots?

7/ Do Fans Put Too Much Pressure on Their Favorite Professional Athletes?

8/ How Much Should Fans Be Allowed to Protest Opposing Teams?

9/ Does a Championship Always Need to Have a Winner and a Loser?

10/ Should Sports Betting Be Legal Every Where?

11/ Are Some Extreme Sports Too Extreme?

12/ How Young Is Too Young to Climb Mount Everest?

13/ Should Colleges Fund Wellness Programs Instead of Sports?

14/ Where Should Colleges and Sports Teams Rely on Seating Arrangements?

15/ Does Reality Promote Dangerous Stereotypes?

16/ Do Sex, Age, and Pregnant Women Promote or Discourage Teenage Pregnancies?

17/ Does Reality Capture the Diversity of America?

18/ Is Reality Too White?

19/ What Makes a Good Sex Scene?

20/ Why Do We Like to Watch People Die in Movies?

21/ Does Live Action Offer Something You Can't Get in Movies or TV?

22/ What If Anything Does the Current Hollywood Film Industry Do?

23/ What Makes a Good Commercial?

24/ Why Did a Certain Ad Attract So Many Angry Comments Online?

25/ Should E-sports Be Considered a Sport?

26/ Should Stores Sell E-sports Items to Minors?

27/ Do E-sports Items Make People More E-sports in Real Life?

28/ When Should You Sue a Company for Firing Homophobes?

29/ Can a E-sports Game Be a Work of Art?

110. What Game Would You Like to Redesign?

111. How Sexist Is the Gaming World?

Music, Literature and Art

112. What Current Musicians Do You Think Will Stand the Test of Time?

113. What Artists or Bands of Soda Are Destined for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?

114. What Musician, Actor or Author Should Be a Superstar, But Hasn't Quite Made It Yet?

115. What Artists Do You Consider Sellouts?

116. How Much Can an Artist Borrow from Earlier Musicians Before It Becomes Stealing?

117. Who Does Hip-Hop Belong To?

118. What Can You Predict About the Future of the Music Industry?

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School

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139. 're High S"hool Students (eing Worked \$oo Hard?
150. #oes Your Homework Hel- You Learn?
151. What 're You Reall) Learning at S"hool?
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22&. Why do boys lag behind girls in reading?

22+. Should homework hurt students' learning to complete an assignment?

221. Should Schools Give Students Individual Reports?

Time in School

223. Should Schools Cancel Summer Vacation?

225. Do kids need recess?

227. Should the School Day Start Later?

229. Is Your School Day Too Short?

230. Do You Think a Longer School Calendar Is a Good Idea?

231. Should the Dropout Rate Be Raised?

232. Should We Rethink How Long Students Spend in High School?

233. Should Students Be Allowed to Skip Senior Year of High School?

23+. Should Kids Head to College Early?

231. Is Time Disputed Waste?

233. Is School Too Short (Really), or What Should We Do About It?

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Guns, Prisons and the Justice System

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