



COMMUNITY QUEST

THE OBJECTIVE

THE DEBATE DUEL IS DESIGNED TO CREATE A SPACE FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN HOW TO HAVE A RESPECTFUL DEBATE. IT ENCOURAGES THEM TO RESEARCH AND FORMULATE THEIR OWN OPINION ON A POINT, COMMUNICATE THAT OPINION CALMLY WITH SOMEONE WHO HOLDS A DIFFERENT OPINION.

USING THIS PACK

THERE ARE 10 DEBATE PROMPTS IN THIS PACK FOR YOU TO USE IN YOUR CLASSROOM DEBATE DUELS.

EACH PROMPT INCLUDES A FEW EXAMPLE PROS AND CONS TO THE ARGUMENT IF YOU WISH TO GIVE STUDENTS A STARTING POINT OR A NUDGE AS THEY DISCUSS.

THE TOPICS

THE DEBATE TOPICS VARY IN NATURE. WE HAVE CODED THEM BASED ON THE SUBJECT THEY COVER, TO HELP YOU SELECT THE MOST APPROPRIATE ONE FOR YOUR CLASS.



SCHOOL



ENVIRONMENT



SOCIETY

SHOULD PUBLIC TRANSPORT BE FREE FOR EVERYONE?

PROS: HELPS THE ENVIRONMENT, MAKES TRANSPORT AFFORDABLE

CONS: WHO WOULD PAY FOR IT AND HOW?, PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMPANIES MIGHT SUFFER, TRANSPORT MIGHT BECOME OVERCROWDED.



SHOULD SCHOOL UNIFORMS BE COMPULSORY?

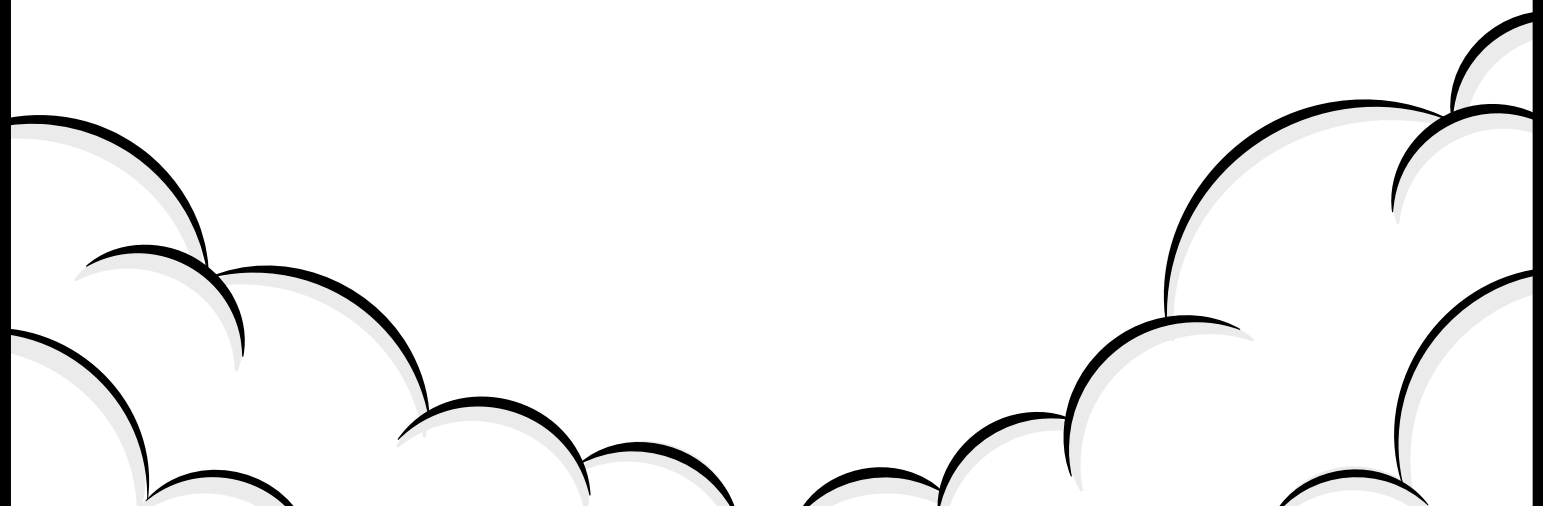
PROS: THEY CREATE A SENSE OF UNITY, THEY CAN COMBAT BULLYING, THEY MAKE STUDENTS EQUAL

CONS: THEY STOP STUDENTS FROM EXPRESSING THEMSELVES, UNIFORMS CAN BE EXPENSIVE

SHOULD PLASTIC BAGS BE BANNED IN SHOPS?

PROS: IT HELPS THE ENVIRONMENT, IT MAKES ALL SHOPS COMPLY

CONS: SOME PEOPLE FIND PLASTIC BAGS USEFUL, REUSABLE BAGS ARE MORE EXPENSIVE



SHOULD MOBILE PHONES BE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL?

PROS: STUDENTS CAN CONTACT PARENTS, IT PREPARES THEM FOR THE REAL WORLD, THEY CAN BE USED FOR LEARNING

CONS: THEY CAN BE A DISTRACTION, STUDENTS THAT CAN'T AFFORD THEM MIGHT GET BULLIED



SHOULD SCHOOL DAYS BE MADE LONGER?

PROS: MIGHT MAKE TERM TIME SHORTER, GIVES MORE TIME TO LEARN, MORE TIME TO SOCIALISE

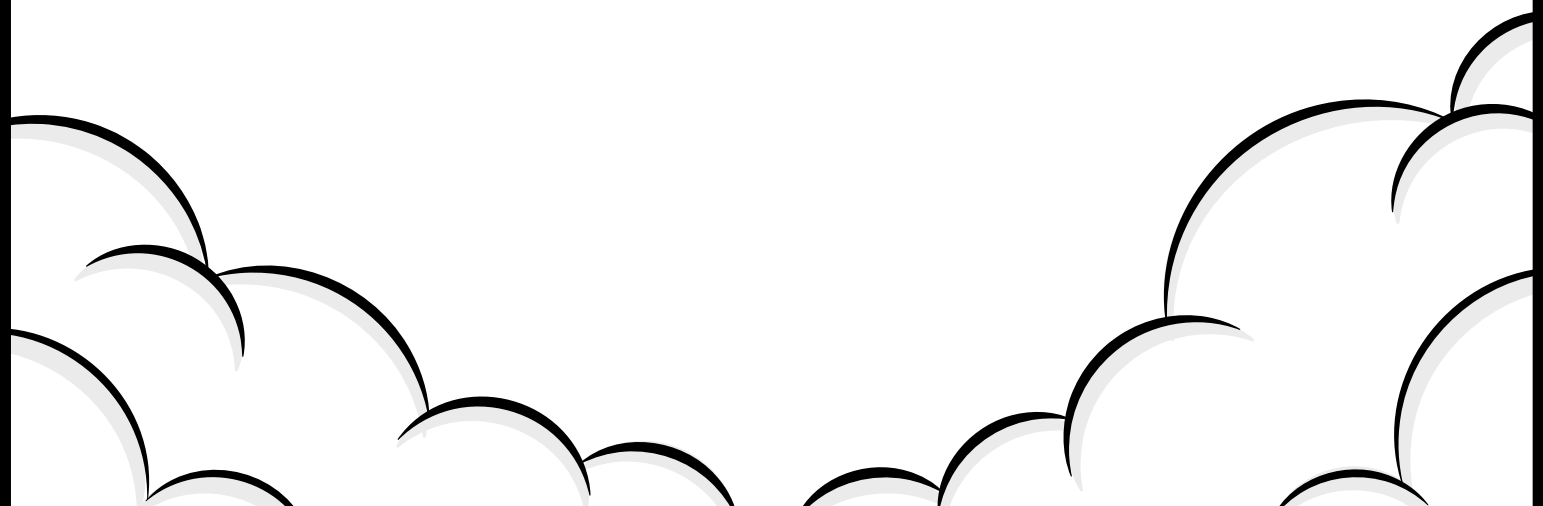
CONS: LESS FAMILY TIME, CHILDREN CAN'T CONCENTRATE FOR SO LONG, EXPENSIVE FORSCHOOLS



SHOULD CHILDREN BE ALLOWED TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS?

PROS: CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE A SAY IN DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEIR FUTURE, IT PREPARES THEM FOR ADULthood

CONS: VOTING IS COMPLICATED, IT MAKES THEM GROW UP TOO FAST



SHOULD SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BE BANNED IN THE UK?

PROS: IT WOULD REDUCE POLLUTION, IT WOULD SAVE PEOPLE MONEY IN THE LONG TERM

CONS: IT CAN BE NECESSARY FOR SOME FOODS OR MEDICINES, IT WOULD CAUSE A LOT OF WASTE TO START WITH, IT MIGHT BE EXPENSIVE INITIALLY"



SHOULD SCHOOL UNIFORMS BE COMPULSORY?

PROS: CHILDREN CAN BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT, IT SETS THEM UP FOR LATER IN LIFE

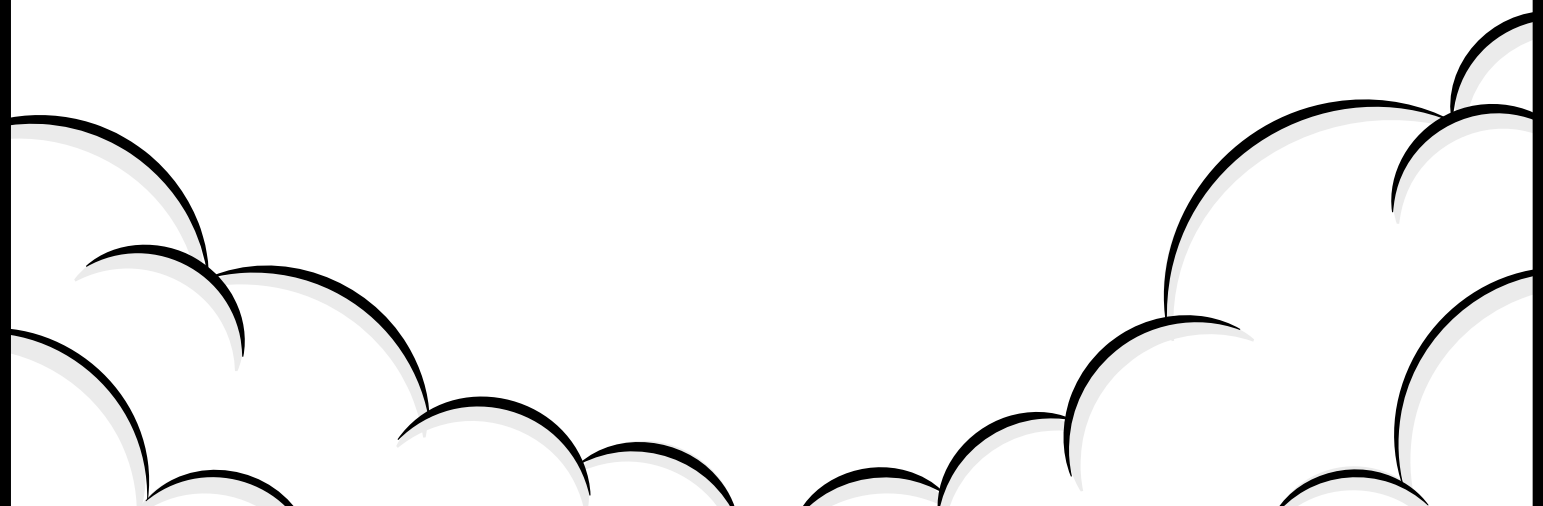
CONS: IT DISTRACTS FROM CORE SUBJECTS, IT IGNORES DIFFERENCES IN LIFESTYLES BETWEEN CHILDREN



SHOULD ALL ZOOS IN THE WORLD BE CLOSED DOWN?

PROS: ANIMALS BELONG IN THE WILD, ZOOS DON'T GIVE ENOUGH SPACE FOR ANIMALS, SOME ZOOS MISTREAT ANIMALS

CONS: ZOOS PROTECT ENDANGERED ANIMALS AND PROVIDE PEOPLE WITH JOBS



SHOULD THERE BE MORE SPORTS IN SCHOOL?

PROS: IT'S A FUN WAY TO STAY ACTIVE, IT'S A GREAT FORM OF TEAM WORK, IT EXPANDS CHILDREN'S INTERESTS LATER IN LIFE

CONS: NOT ALL STUDENTS ENJOY SPORTS, IT MIGHT BE EXPENSIVE FOR SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES



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