**100 Persuasive Essay Topics**

1. Should students be allowed to have cell phones in elementary and high schools?
2. Should students have to wear uniforms?
3. Should college athletes be paid for playing?
4. Should the elderly receive free bus rides?
5. Should state colleges be free to attend?
6. Should all American citizens have to complete a year of community service?
7. Should students be required to take Spanish classes?
8. Should the voting age be lowered to thirteen?
9. Should the driving age be raised to twenty-one?
10. Should students be paid for having good grades?
11. Should not wearing a seat-belt be illegal?
12. Should student’s textbooks be replaced by notebook computers?
13. Should students have to pass a basic skills test to graduate high school?
14. Should schools raise money by selling candy and sugary soft drinks to students?
15. Should schools serve french-fries and fried potato products to students at lunch?
16. Should students’ grades in gym affect their grade point averages?
17. Should girls be allowed to play on boys sports teams?
18. Should teens be able to buy violent video games?
19. Should boys and girls be in separate classes?
20. Should our country have a universal health care program?
21. Should people who download music and movies illegally be punished?
22. Should school athletes have to be on the honor roll to play in games?
23. Should students be able to listen to MP3 players on headphones during study hall?
24. Should schools offer fast food options like McDonald’s or Taco Bell?
25. Should smoking be allowed at parks and other outdoor public venues?
26. Should cities offer free public Wi-Fi?
27. Should the government place a tax on junk food and fatty snacks?
28. Should people traveling in airplanes have to undergo intensive security screenings?
29. Should restaurants be allowed to sell genetically modified chickens under the name “chicken”?
30. Should teachers have to pass a basic skills test every ten years to renew their certification?
31. Should people be allowed to keep exotic animals like chimpanzees or tigers?
32. Should people be allowed to keep pit-bull dogs?
33. Should the city offer a bike sharing program?
34. Should there be an ordinance citing people who fail to recycle $50?
35. Should there be an ordinance citing people who play music too loudly $50?
36. Should celebrities who break the law face stricter penalties?
37. Should the government increase spending on the space program?
38. Should larger passengers have to pay for two plane or movie theater tickets?
39. Should children have to use booster seats in cars?
40. Should people have to get a license to become parents?
41. Should there be tougher federal restrictions for content on the internet?
42. Should people be allowed to curse on daytime television?
43. Should owners be legally accountable for clearing snow from sidewalks on their property?
44. Should students who commit cyber-bullying be suspended from school?
45. Should corporations be allowed to advertise in schools?
46. Should students be allowed to eat during class?
47. Should more be done to protect and preserve endangered animals?
48. Is it appropriate for students and teachers to be friends on Facebook?
49. Should schools start later in the morning?
50. Should the USA end overseas military operations?
51. Should America convert to the metric system?
52. Should high school students have to complete community service hours to graduate?
53. Should state tests be given in other languages for ESL students?
54. Should scientists be allowed to test products intended for human use on animals?
55. Should unhealthy fast food products be sold with a warning label?
56. Should there be a tariff or tax on products manufactured outside of the country?
57. Should students or teachers receive money for scoring well on standardized tests?
58. Should everyone under the age of 17 have a 9:00 PM curfew?
59. Should schools with low scores on standardized tests be closed?
60. Should students be allowed to drop out before they turn 18 years old?
61. Should students as young as fourteen be allowed to hold jobs?
62. Should American families have a two child max rule to limit population growth?
63. Should children younger than thirteen be allowed to watch MTV or music videos?
64. Should students who fail their classes be retained and have to repeat the grade?
65. Should children in temporary living situations with a 3.0 GPA earn free college tuition?
66. Should children who commit violent crimes be tried as adults?
67. Should the government be allowed to detain suspected terrorists without trial?
68. Should the government censor internet content deemed inappropriate?
69. Should teachers have to wear uniforms or have a dress code?
70. Should teachers be allowed to have cell phones in the classroom?
71. Should the state execute dogs that have bitten someone?
72. Should talking on a cell phone without a hands-free device while driving be illegal?
73. Should students be allowed to skip grades if they can pass the end of year test at the beginning of the year?
74. Should school supplies be free for teachers?
75. Should students be expected to bring lunch from home?
76. Should education be state or government ran?
77. Should kids be expected to do homework every night?
78. Should all schools allow vending machines in the lunch room?
79. Should NFL players have a salary cap?
80. Should the driving age be lowered?
81. Should we have to pay taxes?
82. Should two people that have the same name be in the same class?
83. Should the garbage man come every other day?
84. Should street lights come on earlier?
85. Should air fresheners be allowed in classrooms?
86. Should kids be allowed to have snowball fights at school?
87. Should kids be allowed to climb trees at school?
88. Should people be allowed to buy islands?
89. Should the government give everyone a cell phone?
90. Should parents be penalized if their kids don’t do well in school?
91. Should the government give everyone the month of August off work?
92. Should teachers get bathroom breaks?
93. Should teachers get bonuses when their students do well?
94. Should students be able to participate in field day if they have several stop and goes?
95. Do you think people should be allowed to have monkeys as pets?
96. Should principals get bonuses when their schools perform well?
97. Should junior high schools have recess?
98. Should unsafe neighborhoods have curfews?
99. Should students be held back if they don’t pass the grade?
100. Should schools stop providing lunch for students?