Social Debate Topics for Middle School Students

• Does violence in the media (TV, movies, video games) cause violent behavior in kids?
• Should plastic shopping bags be completely banned?
• Do social networking websites cause more harm than good?
• Should there be a censor for Internet?
• Should cigarettes be made an illegal substance?
• Should medical testing using animals be allowed?
• Do professional athletes earn too much money?
• Should professional athletes/entertainers be role models?
• Should Division I athletes be paid?
• Should slaughter houses for horses be allowed?
• Should there be a state-wide first day of trout season?
• Should martial arts be taught in phys. ed.?

Political Debate Topics for Middle School Students.

• Should the US support Syrian anti-government forces with military assistance?
• Should the US use military force against Iranian nuclear sites?
• Should America withdraw its troops from Afghanistan?
• Should Gingrich, Obama, Paul, Romney, Santorum,... be the next President?

Unique Middle School Debate Topics

• Should cell phones be allowed in schools?
• Should homework be banned?
• Should there be closed circuit cameras in the classroom?
• Should public schools have school uniforms?
• Should public schools have separate classes for girls and boys?
• Should public schools ban junk food sales?
• Should there be year-round schooling?
• Should students be allowed to listen to music on ipods/mp3 players w/headphones during study hall/lunch?
• Should afterschool activities be “pay to play”?
• Should students be able to wear hats during school?
• __________________ should be a required novel in reading class.
• __________________ should be a required poem/lyric poem in language arts.