

300 Questions and Images to Inspire Argument Writing

Technology & Social Media

Article-Based Prompts

1. [How Worried Should We Be About Screen Time During the Pandemic?](#)
2. [How Do You Feel About Cancel Culture?](#)
3. [Do Memes Make the Internet a Better Place?](#)
4. [Does Online Public Shaming Prevent Us From Being Able to Grow and Change?](#)
5. [How Young Is Too Young to Use Social Media?](#)
6. [Where Should We Draw the Line Between Community Health and Safety and Individual Liberty and Privacy?](#)
7. [Do You Think Online Conspiracy Theories Can Be Dangerous?](#)
8. [What Do You Think of the Decision by Tech Companies to Block President Trump?](#)
9. [Should the Adults in Your Life Be Worried by How Much You Use Your Phone?](#)
10. [Is Your Phone Love Hurting Your Relationships?](#)
11. [Do You Trust Facebook?](#)
12. [Do You Think Recreational Drones Are Safe?](#)
13. [Should Kids Be Social Media Influencers?](#)
14. [Does Grammar Still Matter in the Age of Twitter?](#)
15. [Should Texting While Driving Be Treated Like Drunken Driving?](#)
16. [How Do You Think Technology Affects Dating?](#)

Image-Based Prompts

17. [Online Video Games](#): Does more need to be done to make online gaming communities safer?
18. [A Computer in Everything](#): Do “smart” devices worry you?
19. [Snail Mail](#): Do you think handwritten cards and letters still have value in the digital age?
20. [Cyberbullying](#): Should social media companies do more to prevent online harassment?
21. [Phone Manners](#): Are there times when you think using your phone while you’re with other people is rude?
22. [Alarm Clocks](#): Are there any “dumb” devices that you think are better than “smart” devices?

23. [Phone Warnings](#): Should tech devices come with addiction advisories?
24. [Phones in Church](#): Are there some places where phones just don’t belong?
25. [Driverless Cars](#): What do you think about driverless cars?
26. [Texting While Walking](#): Should looking at your phone while crossing the street be illegal?
27. [Device Addiction?](#): As a society, are we too addicted to our devices?
28. [‘A Man Needs His Nuggs’](#): What do you think of Carter Wilkerson’s quest, and its results?
29. [Soothing Video Games](#): Can video games intended to calm the mind be fun? Worthwhile?
30. [Our Lives on Social Media](#): How much do you think we can judge our collective happiness by what is posted on social media?
31. [‘Bracelet of Silence’](#): Would you wear privacy armor?
32. [Baby Yoda](#): What are your favorite memes?
33. [Tesla’s ‘Cybertruck’](#): What do you think of this “pickup of the future”?
34. [The ‘Bird Box’ Challenge](#): What do you think of social media challenges like this one?

School

Article-Based Prompts

35. [Should Media Literacy Be a Required Course in School?](#)
36. [Should Schools Be Able to Discipline Students for What They Say on Social Media?](#)
37. [How Should Schools Hold Students Accountable for Hurting Others?](#)
38. [Should Schools Provide Free Pads and Tampons?](#)
39. [Can Empathy Be Taught? Should Schools Try to Help Us Feel One Another’s Pain?](#)
40. [When the Pandemic Ends, Will School Change Forever?](#)
41. [Should Schools Change How They Grade Students During the Pandemic?](#)
42. [Should Students Be Monitored When Taking Online Tests?](#)
43. [Should There Still Be Snow Days?](#)

44. [How Should Racial Slurs in Literature Be Handled in the Classroom?](#)
45. [Should Teachers Be Allowed to Wear Political Symbols?](#)
46. [Should Schools or Employers Be Allowed to Tell People How They Should Wear Their Hair?](#)
47. [Are Straight A's Always a Good Thing?](#)
48. [Should Schools Teach You How to Be Happy?](#)
49. [How Do You Think American Education Could Be Improved?](#)
50. [Should Schools Test Their Students for Nicotine and Drug Use?](#)
51. [Can Social Media Be a Tool for Learning and Growth in Schools?](#)
52. [Should Facial Recognition Technology Be Used in Schools?](#)
53. [Should Your School Day Start Later?](#)
54. [Should Yearbooks Include Political News?](#)
55. [How Should Senior Year in High School Be Spent?](#)
56. [Should Teachers Be Armed With Guns?](#)
57. [Is School a Place for Self-Expression?](#)
58. [Should Students Be Punished for Not Having Lunch Money?](#)
59. [Is Live-Streaming Classrooms a Good Idea?](#)
60. [Should Gifted and Talented Education Be Eliminated?](#)
61. [What Are the Most Important Things Students Should Learn in School?](#)
62. [Should Schools Be Allowed to Censor Student Newspapers?](#)
63. [Do You Feel Your School and Teachers Welcome Both Conservative and Liberal Points of View?](#)
64. [Should Teachers and Professors Ban Student Use of Laptops in Class?](#)
65. [Should Schools Teach About Climate Change?](#)
66. [Should All Schools Offer Music Programs?](#)
67. [Does Your School Need More Money?](#)
68. [Should All Schools Teach Cursive?](#)
69. [What Role Should Textbooks Play in Education?](#)
70. [Do Kids Need Recess?](#)
71. [Should Public Preschool Be a Right for All Children?](#)

Image-Based Prompts

72. [Graduation in a Pandemic](#): Is your school doing enough to honor seniors?
73. [Most Challenged Books](#): Are there books that don't belong in schools or public libraries?
74. [Mascot](#): If you could choose one mascot to represent your school, what would it be?
75. [Math](#): How do you feel about math?
76. [Sleep Deprivation](#): Do you think school should start later for teenagers?
77. [Standardized Tests](#): Is there too much testing at your school? Why or why not?
78. [Teacher Walkouts](#): Do you think teachers should be paid more? Why or why not?
79. [Mermaid School](#): If there could be a special school that would teach you something you really want to learn, what would that school be?

Coronavirus

Article-Based Prompts

80. [What Weaknesses and Strengths About Our World Are Being Exposed by This Pandemic?](#)
81. [As Coronavirus Cases Surge, How Should Leaders Decide What Stays Open and What Closes?](#)
82. [How Should We Balance Safety and Urgency in Developing a Covid-19 Vaccine?](#)
83. [Do You Want Your Parents and Grandparents to Get the New Coronavirus Vaccine?](#)
84. [Do You Think People Have Gotten Too Relaxed About Covid?](#)
85. [How Do You Feel About Mask-Slipping?](#)

Image-Based Prompts

86. [Surge](#): How should the United States keep the coronavirus pandemic at bay?
87. [Masks](#): What "civic rules" do you think we should all follow now?
88. [Paid to Laugh](#): Would you attend a live TV show taping — if you got money for it?
89. [Dolly's Donation](#): How do you feel about celebrity philanthropy?
90. [Crowds and Covid](#): How do you feel about crowds during the pandemic?
91. [Going Nowhere Fast](#): Would you take a flight to nowhere?

College & Career

Article-Based Prompts

92. [Should Students Be Required to Take the SAT and ACT to Apply to College?](#)
93. [Should National Service Be Required for All Young Americans?](#)
94. [What Is Your Reaction to the College Admissions Cheating Scandal?](#)
95. [Is the College Admissions Process Fair?](#)
96. [Should Everyone Go to College?](#)
97. [Should College Be Free?](#)
98. [Are Lavish Amenities on College Campuses Useful or Frivolous?](#)
99. [Should ‘Despised Dissenters’ Be Allowed to Speak on College Campuses?](#)
100. [How Should the Problem of Sexual Assault on Campuses Be Addressed?](#)
101. [Should Fraternities Be Abolished?](#)
102. [Is Student Debt Worth It?](#)
103. [Do Other People Care Too Much About Your Post-High School Plans?](#)
104. [Should All Young People Learn How to Invest in the Stock Market?](#)

Image-Based Prompts

105. [Jack-of-All-Trades](#): Is it better to focus on one thing early in life and get really good at it?

Mental & Physical Health

Article-Based Prompts

106. [Should Students Get Mental Health Days Off From School?](#)
107. [Is Struggle Essential to Happiness?](#)
108. [Does Every Country Need a ‘Loneliness Minister’?](#)
109. [Should Schools Teach Mindfulness?](#)
110. [Should All Children Be Vaccinated?](#)
111. [What Do You Think About Vegetarianism?](#)
112. [Do We Worry Too Much About Germs?](#)
113. [What Advice Should Parents and Counselors Give Teenagers About Sexting?](#)
114. [Are Emotional-Support Animals a Scam?](#)
115. [Do You Believe in Manifesting?](#)

Image-Based Prompts

116. [Optimism](#): Is your glass half-empty or half-full?
117. [Cursing](#): Is it ever OK, useful or even healthy to curse? Or is it always inappropriate?
118. [Anger Rooms](#): Do you think places like this are a good idea?

Race & Gender

Article-Based Prompts

119. [What Is Your Reaction to the Days of Protest That Followed the Death of George Floyd?](#)
120. [How Should Parents Teach Their Children About Race and Racism?](#)
121. [Is America ‘Backsliding’ on Race?](#)
122. [Should All Americans Receive Anti-Bias Education?](#)
123. [Should All Companies Require Anti-Bias Training for Employees?](#)
124. [Should Columbus Day Be Replaced With Indigenous Peoples Day?](#)
125. [Is Fear of ‘The Other’ Poisoning Public Life?](#)
126. [Justice Ginsburg Fought for Gender Equality. How Close Are We to Achieving That Goal?](#)
127. [What Should #MeToo Mean for Teenage Boys?](#)
128. [Should There Be More Boy Dolls?](#)
129. [Should the Boy Scouts Be Coed?](#)
130. [What Is Hard About Being a Boy?](#)

Image-Based Prompts

131. [Fashion-Show Diversity](#): What other industries or aspects of life need more diversity?
132. [A Town’s New Seal](#): Why do you think Whitesboro, N.Y., decided to change its seal?
133. [Gender Expectations](#): Do you ever find gender expectations or norms confining?
134. [Women’s History Month](#): What does this holiday mean to you?
135. [Boys and Men](#): What does it mean to “be a man”?
136. [Women in Movies](#): Should some movies dominated by male actors be remade with largely female casts?

137. [Unisex Clothing](#): Should clothing labeling be unisex?
138. [Feminism](#): Do you consider yourself a feminist?
139. [Gender and 'Genderless'](#): Do you think that gender is binary?

Arts

Article-Based Prompts

140. [What Are the Greatest Songs of All Time?](#)
141. [Should Museums Return Looted Artifacts to Their Countries of Origin?](#)
142. [How Do You Feel About Censored Music?](#)
143. [What Role Should Celebrities Have During the Coronavirus Crisis?](#)
144. [Can You Separate Art From the Artist?](#)
145. [Are There Subjects That Should Be Off-Limits to Artists, or to Certain Artists in Particular?](#)
146. [Should Art Come With Trigger Warnings?](#)
147. [Should Graffiti Be Protected?](#)
148. [Is the Digital Era Improving or Ruining the Experience of Art?](#)
149. [Are Museums Still Important in the Digital Age?](#)
150. [In the Age of Digital Streaming, Are Movie Theaters Still Relevant?](#)
151. [Is Hollywood Becoming More Diverse?](#)
152. [What Stereotypical Characters Make You Cringe?](#)
153. [Do We Need More Female Superheroes?](#)
154. [Do Video Games Deserve the Bad Rap They Often Get?](#)
155. [Should Musicians Be Allowed to Copy or Borrow From Other Artists?](#)
156. [Is Listening to a Book Just as Good as Reading It?](#)
157. [Is There Any Benefit to Reading Books You Hate?](#)

Image-Based Prompts

158. [Hologram Musicians](#): Which departed artists would you like to see perform live?
159. [Movie Theaters](#): In the age of digital streaming, are movie theaters still relevant?

160. ['The Image of the Revolution'](#): What is it about this photograph that makes it so powerful?
161. [Book Covers](#): What are your favorite book covers? Why?
162. [Fashion Trends](#): What are your favorite fashion trends? What trends do you hate?
163. [Fashion Comebacks](#): What trends from the past would you like to see revived?
164. [Murals](#): Can art be an act of resistance?
165. [An 18-Karat Throne](#): Is this art?
166. [A Hug Seen Around the World](#): Why do you think this image became so popular so quickly?
167. [The Role of Public Broadcasting](#): Do you think programs like "Sesame Street" make the U.S. smarter, stronger and safer?
168. [Best Books?](#): What have you read and loved this year?

Sports

Article-Based Prompts

169. [Should Girls and Boys Sports Teams Compete in the Same League?](#)
170. [Should College Athletes Be Paid?](#)
171. [Are Youth Sports Too Competitive?](#)
172. [Is It Selfish to Pursue Risky Sports Like Extreme Mountain Climbing?](#)
173. [How Should We Punish Sports Cheaters?](#)
174. [Should Technology in Sports Be Limited?](#)
175. [Should Blowouts Be Allowed in Youth Sports?](#)
176. [Are Some Youth Sports Too Intense?](#)
177. [Does Better Sports Equipment Unfairly Improve Athletic Ability?](#)
178. [Is It Offensive for Sports Teams and Their Fans to Use Native American Names, Imagery and Gestures?](#)

Image-Based Prompts

179. [Brady's Big Move](#): How do you feel about Tom Brady leaving the Patriots?
180. [Tiger Woods Wins](#): What are the greatest comebacks in history?
181. [Referees](#): Do sports officials deserve more respect?
182. [\\$430 Million Deal](#): Is any athlete worth that amount of money?

- 183. [Super Bowl Commercials](#):** Was it smart for advertisers to steer clear of controversy in 2019?
- 184. [Champions](#):** What team in any sport would you like to see win a championship?
- 185. [The Outspoken N.B.A.](#):** Should all sports leagues treat political speech as a right for their players?
- 186. [Gymnastics on Horseback](#):** What is the world's most difficult sport?
- 187. [Tackle Football](#):** Should children under the age of 12 play tackle football, in your opinion?
- 188. [Breakdancing](#):** Should dance be an Olympic event?
- 189. [Coed Sports](#):** Do you think women and men should compete against each other in sports?
- 190. [Super Bowl Halftime Performer](#):** Whom would you choose to perform at the Super Bowl, and why?
- 191. [Colin Kaepernick's Protest](#):** What do you think of this protest?

Parenting & Childhood

Article-Based Prompts

- 192. [Should Parents Track Their Children?](#)**
- 193. [Who Should Decide Whether a Teenager Can Get a Tattoo or Piercing?](#)**
- 194. [Is It Harder to Grow Up in the 21st Century Than It Was in the Past?](#)**
- 195. [Is Childhood Today Over-Supervised?](#)**
- 196. [How Should Parents Talk to Their Children About Drugs?](#)**
- 197. [What Should We Call Your Generation?](#)**
- 198. [Do Parents Ever Cross a Line by Helping Too Much With Schoolwork?](#)**
- 199. [What's the Best Way to Discipline Children?](#)**
- 200. [What Are Your Thoughts on 'Snowplow Parents'?](#)**
- 201. [Should Stay-at-Home Parents Be Paid?](#)**
- 202. [When Do You Become an Adult?](#)**

Image-Based Prompts

- 203. [Household Chores](#):** Do you think children should help out around the house?
- 204. [Spy Cams](#):** Should parents use smart devices to keep tabs on their children when they're home alone?

- 205. [Adults With Rainbow Hair](#):** Are there some trends adults just should not try?
- 206. [Parenting Skills](#):** Should parents say "no" more often when their children ask for new things?

Ethics & Morality

Article-Based Prompts

- 207. [Should Students Be Monitored When Taking Online Tests?](#)**
- 208. [What Makes a Great Leader?](#)**
- 209. [Is It OK to Laugh During Dark Times?](#)**
- 210. [Is It Immoral to Increase the Price of Goods During a Crisis?](#)**
- 211. [Would You Allow an Ex-Prisoner to Live With You?](#)**
- 212. [Would You Return a Lost Wallet? \(What if It Had Lots of Money in It?\)](#)**
- 213. [Is It Wrong to Focus on Animal Welfare When Humans Are Suffering?](#)**
- 214. [Is Animal Testing Ever Justified?](#)**
- 215. [Should We Be Concerned With Where We Get Our Pets?](#)**
- 216. [Is This Exhibit Animal Cruelty or Art?](#)**
- 217. [Should Extinct Animals Be Resurrected? If So, Which Ones?](#)**
- 218. [Why Do Bystanders Sometimes Fail to Help When They See Someone in Danger?](#)**
- 219. [Is It Ethical to Create Genetically Edited Humans?](#)**
- 220. [Should Reporters Ever Help the People They Are Covering?](#)**
- 221. [Is It OK to Use Family Connections to Get a Job?](#)**
- 222. [Is \\$1 Billion Too Much Money for Any One Person to Have?](#)**
- 223. [Are We Being Bad Citizens If We Don't Keep Up With the News?](#)**
- 224. [Should Prisons Offer Incarcerated People Education Opportunities?](#)**
- 225. [Should Law Enforcement Be Able to Use DNA Data From Genealogy Websites for Criminal Investigations?](#)**
- 226. [Should We Treat Robots Like People?](#)**

Image-Based Prompts

227. [World's Big Sleep Out](#): What lengths would you go to in support of a worthy cause?
228. [Tipping](#): Do you leave a tip whenever you're asked to?
229. [Cash Reward](#): Should you accept a cash reward for doing the right thing?
230. [Cheating](#): Would you tell if you caught your classmates cheating?
231. [Do Not Resuscitate](#): Should doctors have tried to revive this man?
232. [Hitler and History](#): Should the bunker where Hitler killed himself be a tourist attraction?
233. [Solving Global Problems](#): As the head of a global foundation, what problem would you solve?

Government & Politics

Article-Based Prompts

234. [Should the Death Penalty Be Abolished?](#)
235. [If You Were a Member of Congress, Would You Vote to Impeach President Trump?](#)
236. [Who Do You Think Should Be Person of the Year for 2020?](#)
237. [Should the United States Decriminalize the Possession of Drugs?](#)
238. [What Would You Do First if You Were the New President?](#)
239. [Does Everyone Have a Responsibility to Vote?](#)
240. [How Should We Remember the Problematic Actions of the Nation's Founders?](#)
241. [Do You Care Who Sits on the Supreme Court? Should We Care?](#)
242. [Is the Electoral College a Problem? Does It Need to Be Fixed?](#)
243. [Are Presidential Debates Helpful to Voters? Or Should They Be Scrapped?](#)
244. [Is Your Generation Doing Its Part to Strengthen Our Democracy?](#)
245. [Should We All Be Able to Vote by Mail?](#)
246. [What Issues in the 2020 Presidential Race Are Most Important to You?](#)
247. [Do You Think the American Dream Is Real?](#)
248. [Should Plastic Bags Be Banned Everywhere?](#)

249. [Does the United States Owe Reparations to the Descendants of Enslaved People?](#)
250. [Do You Think It Is Important for Teenagers to Participate in Political Activism?](#)
251. [Should the Voting Age Be Lowered to 16?](#)
252. [What Should Lawmakers Do About Guns and Gun Violence?](#)
253. [Should Confederate Statues Be Removed or Remain in Place?](#)
254. [Does the U.S. Constitution Need an Equal Rights Amendment?](#)
255. [Should National Monuments Be Protected by the Government?](#)
256. [Should Free Speech Protections Include Self Expression That Discriminates?](#)
257. [How Important Is Freedom of the Press?](#)
258. [Should Ex-Felons Have the Right to Vote?](#)
259. [Should Marijuana Be Legal?](#)
260. [Should the United States Abolish Daylight Saving Time?](#)
261. [Should the U.S. Ban Military-Style Semiautomatic Weapons?](#)
262. [Should the U.S. Get Rid of the Electoral College?](#)
263. [What Do You Think of President Trump's Use of Twitter?](#)
264. [Should Celebrities Weigh In on Politics?](#)
265. [Why Is It Important for People With Different Political Beliefs to Talk to Each Other?](#)
266. [Should Athletes Speak Out On Social and Political Issues?](#)

Image-Based Prompts

267. [Government Buildings](#): Should they all look like the Lincoln Memorial?
268. [Oprah for President](#): Would you vote for her if you could?
269. [Peaceful Protesting](#): In what ways can you demonstrate peacefully to express your views?
270. [Student Climate Strikes](#): What issues do you think deserve more attention?
271. [Pennies](#): Should the United States get rid of the penny?
272. [Mandatory Voting?](#): Should citizens who are 18 or older be required to vote?
273. [Dabbing in Congress](#): Should this teenager have dabbed in his father's official swearing-in photo?

274. [Baby Bonds](#): Should the government give money to babies?

296. [Tattoos](#): How do you feel about tattooing in general?

297. [Brushing Beagle](#): What are the best dog breeds, in your opinion?

298. [U.F.O.s](#): Do you believe that U.F.O.s are signs of alien life?

299. [Small Talk](#): Do you have the gift of gab?

300. [Lottery Winnings](#): Would you want to win the lottery? Why or why not?

Other Questions

Article-Based Prompts

275. [We Document Life's Milestones. How Should We Document Death?](#)

276. [Does Reality TV Deserve Its Bad Rap?](#)

277. [Do Marriage Proposals Still Have a Place in Today's Society?](#)

278. [Should We Rethink Thanksgiving?](#)

279. [How Do You Decide What News to Believe, What to Question and What to Dismiss?](#)

280. [Should the Week Be Four Days Instead of Five?](#)

281. [Should Public Transit Be Free?](#)

282. [How Important Is Knowing a Foreign Language?](#)

283. [Is There a 'Right Way' to Be a Tourist?](#)

284. [Should Your Significant Other Be Your Best Friend?](#)

285. [What Do You Think of the #WalkUpNotOut Movement?](#)

Image-Based Prompts

286. [Teenage Drivers](#): What do you think of Georgia's decision to issue driver's licenses without road tests?

287. [Snow Days](#): How do you feel about winter weather?

288. [Fortune Tellers](#): Do you believe in psychics?

289. [Big City, Small Town](#): Which would you rather live in? Why?

290. [Game Show Winner](#): Would you ever want to be a contestant on a game show?

291. [Fast-Food Buffet](#): Is this the feast of your dreams or your nightmares?

292. [Public Libraries](#): Are libraries still relevant and important today?

293. [Trans Fats](#): Should trans fats be banned around the world?

294. [Dolls](#): If you could have your favorite toy company make a doll of someone, who would it be and why?

295. [Creepy Clowns](#): How do you feel about clowns?