### **Animals**

- 1. Which is better: adopting a pet? Or, buying a pet from a breeder?
- 2. Are Pit Bulls a vicious breed?
- 3. Should a dog that has bitten somebody be executed?
- 4. Puppy mills: should they be banned?
- 5. The benefits of having pets.
- 6. Why cats (or dogs) make the perfect pet.
- 7. Why all kids should have pets.
- 8. Why snakes are good pets.
- 9. Wild animals should stay wild.
- 10. Why save endangered animals?
- 11. Choose an endangered animal and persuade audience why it should be saved.

#### **Automotive**

- 1. The laws for booster seats in cars should be changed.
- 2. Hands free cell phone use in cars should be promoted.
- 3. Should the driving age be 15?
- 4. The danger of texting and driving.
- 5. Why police should not chase a car.
- 6. Why you should buy a foreign car.
- 7. Share the road with bikes

## **Constitutional Issues**

- 1. Do you think it would be fair for the government to detain suspected terrorists without proper trial?
- 2. Should flag burning as a form of protest be prohibited?
- 3. Should every day begin with a silent prayer at school?
- 4. Alcohol should be illegal.
- 5. Prayer in schools should be mandatory.
- 6. Voting should be restricted to American-born citizens only.

7. The Office of President of the United States should not be restricted by term limits.

#### Education

- 1. Students who are responsible for cyberbullying should be expelled from school.
- 2. High school students should complete community service hours to graduate.
- 3. High school students should be allowed to use cell phones at school?
- 4. Should students have to be on the honor roll in order to play sports?
- 5. Art and music programs in public schools are an essential part of education.
- 6. Do you think students should be allowed to listen to music during study hall?
- 7. Should boys and girls have separate classrooms?
- 8. Should schools sell soft drinks and candies to students?
- 9. Should gym grades impact grade point average?
- 10. Would it be better if schools with low test scores were closed?
- 11. Do you think it should be legal for students to drop out before they turn 18?
- 12. Should schools have a mandatory life skills class?
- 13. Should state colleges be free?
- 14. Should notebook computers replace textbooks?
- 15. Do you believe students who fail their classes should repeat the grade?
- 16. Americans should not have to learn a foreign language.
- 17. If you play a sport should you be required to take gym class?
- 18. Why you should consider studying computer science.
- 19. Universities should help students get a job after they graduate.
- 20. Should students be able to go to the bathroom without asking?
- 21. Should cursive handwriting be taught in schools?
- 22. Would it be better if schools started later in the morning?

- 23. Do you think students should have open campus lunch breaks?
- 24. Should students be able to listen to music during classes?
- 25. Should the teaching of multiple languages be mandatory?
- 26. Music education should be a priority in school.
- 27. Should home economics be required in all schools?
- 28. Should Spanish classes be mandatory for students?
- 29. SAT scores should affect college acceptance.
- 30. Public schools are better than private schools.
- 31. The school year should be longer.
- 32. Why anime has educational value.
- 33. Why college isn't for everyone.
- 34. Should children have homework?
- 35. Take a year off from school between high school and college.
- 36. School security needs to be improved.
- 37. Home schooling can be as high quality as going to school.
- 38. Every person should learn two or more languages.

### **Environment**

- 1. Should there be stricter laws for protecting endangered species?
- 2. Should only native plants be grown in gardens?
- 3. More people should carpool or use public transportation.
- 4. Should the U.S. limit the use of natural resources?
- 5. Why we shouldn't use disposable diapers.
- 6. Hybrid cars are good for the environment.
- 7. Recycling should be mandatory.
- 8. Why oil needs to be conserved.
- 9. Why we should use reusable bags.
- 10. The danger of oil drilling in Alaska.
- 11. Fishing regulations are necessary to preserve the environment.
- 12. We need to invest more in alternative fuels.
- 13. We should strive for a paperless society.
- 14. Rain forests need to be protected.

## **Ethics**

- 1. Do you think female construction workers should have the same salary as male construction workers?
- 2. Should assisted suicide be legal for people who suffer from terminal illnesses?
- 3. Do you think the death penalty is the best punishment for dangerous criminals?
- 4. Should product testing on animals or humans be allowed?
- 5. Are people morally obligated to help the poor.
- 6. Is it ethical to eat meat?
- 7. Wearing fur is unethical.

## Family

- 1. Should underaged people be allowed to consume alcohol at home, with parental permission?
- 2. Those under 16 should not be allowed to date.
- 3. Parental pressure on child athletes is harmful.
- 4. Why parents should not hit their children.
- 5. Children should go to daycare.
- 6. Should parents lie to their children about Santa?

## **Financial**

- 1. Banks should ban hats and sunglasses to avoid robberies.
- 2. Student loans should be forgiven.

## **Food and Drink**

- 1. Genetically modified foods should be labeled.
- 2. Do you believe companies who manufacture alcohol should be allowed to advertise on TV?
- 3. Every child should learn to cook.
- 4. Cooking should be taught in schools.
- 5. Eat more fruits and vegetables.
- 6. The promise of genetically engineered food.
- 7. Eating organic is good for your health.

## Government

- 1. The government should provide shelter for the homeless.
- 2. Should the state fund schools run by religions?
- 3. Do you believe Puerto Rico should become a state?
- 4. Should the government have a say in our diets?
- 5. Should people who receive government assistance be drug tested?
- 6. The government should increase funding of American rail transportation.

## Health

- 1. Regular exercise will improve your health.
- 2. Restaurants should post all ingredients to prevent allergic reactions.
- 3. Do you believe fast food should come with a warning label?
- 4. The use of animals in medical research is a necessary evil.
- 5. Why you should become an organ donor.
- 6. Why vaccines are beneficial.
- 7. Diet pills are bad for your health.
- 8. Why you should be a blood donor.
- 9. Everyone should be made to learn CPR.
- 10. Why you should not go to tanning beds.
- 11. Positive thinking will benefit your health.
- 12. Chewing tobacco is dangerous.
- 13. Organ donation should be encouraged.
- 14. Eat less meat and you will live longer.

#### Literature

- 1. Why reading is more beneficial than watching television.
- 2. Why people need to read more books.

## Media

- 1. Why it's wrong for the media to promote a certain beauty standard.
- 2. Do magazines marketed to teenagers send the wrong message?
- 3. Should certain T.V. shows have age restrictions?
- 4. Why the media is to blame for eating disorders.
- 5. Television is harmful for children.
- 6. We need more funding for public television and radio.

- 7. Violence on television should be regulated.
- 8. Cable TV monopolies destroy competition.

## Music

- 1. Should schools allow uncensored songs at school dances?
- 2. How listening to music could improve your day.
- 3. Why music is beneficial to society.

## **National Security**

- 1. Are intensive security screenings essential for those who travel in airplanes?
- 2. Negotiating with terrorists is sometimes justifiable.
- 3. Should police carry firearms?

#### **Politics**

- 1. Should it be legal for politicians to accept campaign contributions from corporate lobbyists?
- 2. Why you should vote.
- 3. Term limits need to be placed on all elected offices.

# **Practical Knowledge**

- 1. Basic survival skills are important to know.
- 2. Basic camping skills everyone should know.
- 3. Personal hygiene is important for professional success.

# **Psychology**

- 1. Intelligence depends more on environment than genetics.
- 2. Human development depends primarily on environmental factors.

## Science

- 1. Do you think the United States government should spend more on space programs?
- 2. Why should we be aware of what is happening in outer space?
- 3. Why you should donate your body to science.
- 4. We need more scientific advancements.

### Self-Help

1. Art is a stress reliever and can reduce depression.

- 2. With hardwork and determination anyone can be successful.
- 3. Improve your time management.

## Society

- 1. Do you believe it is time for America to use the metric system?
- 2. Why it should be mandatory for all students to stand for the pledge.
- 3. Do you believe that cities should provide free wireless internet?
- 4. Why living in the country is better than the city.
- 5. Life is better now than it was 50 years ago.
- 6. Support the wounded warrior project.
- 7. Should companies market to children?
- 8. Prisoners should be allowed to vote.
- 9. Are we doing enough to end poverty?
- 10. Is Social Darwinism true?
- 11. The USA has too many prisoners.
- 12. Why we should have a three day weekend.
- 13. Societal beauty demands are harmful.
- 14. The advantages of politeness.
- 15. Why you should not shop at Walmart.
- 16. Volunteering in your community.
- 17. The need for affordable housing.
- 18. Should we get longer holidays?
- 19. The danger of propaganda.
- 20. Too much money is a bad thing.
- 21. We need better public transportation.
- 22. The importance of volunteering.
- 23. Homeless people deserve a home.
- 24. Donate money to charity.
- 25. The pledge of allegiance should not be mandatory.
- 26. Shop at local stores.
- 27. We need more prison alternatives.
- 28. Women's pay rates should be equal to men's.
- 29. Racial profiling needs to be stopped.
- 30. Columbus day should be eliminated.

- 31. Gun control saves lives.
- 32. Are beauty contests harmful?

## Sport

- 1. Should college athletes be paid?
- 2. Should drug tests be mandatory for professional athletes?
- 3. Should professional athletes be paid less?
- 4. Should drug tests be mandatory for school athletes?
- 5. Should cheerleading be considered a sport?
- 6. Why sports should be encouraged.
- 7. Learning to swim should be a requirement.
- 8. Why people should dance more.
- 9. Athletics are too much a priority in schools.

# Technology

- 1. Google and other search engines will be the death of libraries.
- 2. Should nuclear power be used?
- 3. Technology is making people less creative.
- 4. Technology has made life better.
- 5. Why Microsoft Word products should be free.
- 5. Why you should not buy an iPhone.
- 7. Computer literacy should be increased.
- 8. The importance of internet fraud awareness.

#### Travel

- Why you should travel to \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Why airline tickets should be cheaper.
- 3. Traveling makes you more open minded.