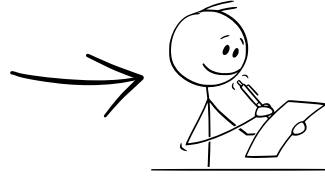


20-Minute Argument (Advanced Edition)

In this activity, you will become an “expert” on a topic in just 20 minutes. Your goal is to learn as much as you can, then write an argumentative response from memory.

Your Task

- You will have 20 minutes to research your topic.
- After time is up, you must put all notes away.
- Then, write 250 words or more from memory only.



Choosing Your Topic

You must choose the topic that matches your birthdate.

Example: If you were born on June 17, you will research Topic #17.

Topics

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| 1) Should freedom of speech protect harmful or offensive ideas in all cases? | 11) Is tradition a strength or a limitation in modern society? | 22) Is the pursuit of happiness a realistic or harmful societal goal? |
| 2) Is democracy the most effective form of government in the modern world?) | 12)) Should societies prioritize long-term progress over short-term comfort? | 23) Should the justice system prioritize punishment or rehabilitation? |
| 3) Should governments have the power to limit misinformation during crises? | 13) Is competition harmful or essential in education? | 24) Is nationalism a unifying force or a dangerous ideology? |
| 4) Is economic inequality an inevitable outcome of capitalism? | 14) Is it ever acceptable to sacrifice individual rights for the greater good? | 25) Should wealth accumulation have ethical limits? |
| 5) Should higher education prioritize job preparation over intellectual exploration? | 15) Is empathy more important than logic in decision-making? | 26) Is human nature fundamentally selfish or cooperative? |
| 6) Is morality universal, or is it shaped entirely by culture? | 16) Is access to healthcare a basic human right? | 27) Is the idea of “canceling” individuals ever justified? |
| 7) Is civil disobedience justified in a functioning democracy? | 17) Is student loan debt a personal responsibility or a systemic failure? | 28) Should the death penalty exist in a just society? |
| 8) Should nations prioritize their own citizens over global responsibility? | 18) Should voting be limited to more informed citizens? | 29) Should governments prioritize economic growth over environmental protection? |
| 9) Is technological progress inherently beneficial to humanity? | 19) Should governments regulate what people can say online? | 30) Is ambition a positive force, or does it lead to harmful outcomes? |
| 10) Is the concept of meritocracy a myth? | 20) Should governments provide universal basic income (UBI)? | 31) Should countries have open borders? |
| | 21) Should historical figures be judged by modern standards? | |