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Date _____ Period _____

Direct Democracy Debate Topics

To the left of each topic, write a 'yes' or 'no'. If you don't understand the topic, ask a classmate, teacher, or family member to explain it to you! If you still don't understand the topic, write a '?'. Put a '*' next to the three topics you most want to debate in class!

- K-12 schools should ban junk food sales.
- Medical testing on animals does more good than harm.
- School vouchers should be allowed.
- The U S Government subsidy of the arts should end.
- Corporal punishment of children should be illegal.
- The United States should close its Guantanamo prison.
- Middle schools should have mandatory drug testing for participation in extracurricular activities.
- Food aid does more harm than good.
- Cell phones should be allowed in schools.
- The United States of America should rely on alternative energy sources instead of fossil fuels.
- Television is a bad influence on children.
- All schools should provide students with music and art education.
- American intervention in Iraq has done more good than harm.
- Homework should be banned.
- Oregon should raise the driving age to 18.
- The legal system should have the option to charge juveniles as adults in murder cases.
- The United States should ban the death penalty.
- Classrooms should have closed-circuit cameras.
- Oregon should make it mandatory for citizens to vote in elections.
- The United States should amend the Constitution to allow foreign born citizens to serve as President.
- The United States should have a draft for military service.
- Oregon high schools should substantially expand vocational training.
- Beauty pageants do more harm than good.
- The United States should expand its use of nuclear power.
- Stem cell research should be expanded.
- Fast food restaurants do more harm than good.
- Middle and high schools should randomly test their athletes for drug use.
- Physician-assisted suicide should be legalized nation-wide.
- The United States should sign and ratify the Kyoto Protocol.
- The US should eliminate farm subsidies.
- Zoos do more harm than good.
- Fried foods should have warning labels.
- Professional athletes should be role models.
- The French government should permit students to wear visible religious symbols in state schools.
- The atomic bombing of Hiroshima was justified.
- Wal-Mart is good for America.
- Algebra should not be required for high school graduation.
- Businesses should not place advertisements in schools.
- It is unethical to eat meat.
- In the case of student lockers, school safety is more important than student privacy.
- Fossil fuels are easily replaced.
- Single sex schools are better for students than co-ed schools in grades K-12.
- The President of the United States should be elected by the direct vote of the people.
- There should be year-round schooling for students in grades K-12.
- Create your own topic:*