

Critical Thinking

Creating Objections

Think of as many objections as possible to these claims. Include the kind of objection that you make.

1. The country's biggest problem right now is the price of oil. If we could solve that problem, we could solve anything.

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2. If you work hard in a class, you should get an "A".

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3. In the Olympics, the best athlete always wins the competition.

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4. Raising children is one the most difficult things to do in life. It is so difficult that no one should do it.

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5. I knew a man who submitted his short story to over 100 magazines and each magazine rejected him. He changed it and changed, but he never got accepted. He even tried publishing it in free magazines and he got turned down. Getting a short story published is nearly impossible.

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6. Bill Clinton was a liar.

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7. In order to protect the Alaskan pipeline, we should place armed troops along its entire length in the wilderness so that it is not attacked.

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8. Microsoft created a global economy with "Windows".

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9. If you're good enough to play baseball at a large public high school, you should be good enough to play at a small private college.

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10. Any time you steal, you should go to jail.

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11. California should support stem cell research.

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12. The Spanish Inquisition was, perhaps, the most evil institution ever established.

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13. If you work hard, study hard, stay in school, and stay out of trouble, you'll be a success in life.

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14. Islands are formed by volcanoes.

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15. "The Sopranos" is the best show on television.

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16. The Electoral College is a farce, and we should replace it with a simple popular vote.

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17. After WWII, Japan became a world economic power. All you have to do is go to war with the United States, have your country rebuilt, and your country can be successful.

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18. Watching violence on television creates images in children's minds that makes them more likely to commit violent crimes.

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