



# Today's Debate: **Should Students have Homework?**

## YES:

1. **Too lazy? Think of the advantages.** Making homework part of your daily routine will help in the future, especially when students finally move on to college. When students get to college, professors leave it up to the students to complete assigned homework on their own time. Learning to be self-sufficient at an earlier age will prove to be beneficial later on in life in both school and within your jobs. –*Sarel, mom of 4 children*
2. **Homework will help when we're older.** Homework is given by teachers for a reason - to help us. Not doing your homework, just sitting around, playing games won't get you anywhere in school, and probably in life too. At the end of a class, homework is given to ensure you remember the lesson you just had. To make sure you DO understand what the teacher just taught you. Doing your homework on time teaches you a sense of responsibility and time management. You do it, you get it out of the way, you build a habit of doing that, and voila! You know your schoolwork, and you have more time to do whatever you please. People have failed classes by not doing their homework which leads to you not completely understanding your lesson. Spending all the time you have at home doing things that aren't beneficial to your education can and most likely will lead to you not being successful when you're an adult. – *Justin, age 11*
3. **I think we should have homework because it teaches us more in the long run.** It teaches the students important life skills that they will need to apply even when they become working adults, especially time management, prioritizing work, as well as values such as responsibility and self-discipline. Setting homework and assignments extends the student's study beyond what they learn in school and allows for a wider and deeper understanding of the topic. Homework teaches students on how to use their time properly and not waste it on things like playing games or watching TV. – *Patty, age 12*

## NO:

1. **Homework should be abolished.** Homework should be abolished as no one has time for it. Homework creates stress among the students which is not good for them. Homework is all pain and no gain. Homework does have some plus sides, but it also has many down sides. One of them is that homework can keep you up all night, especially when you have several big projects due, on the same day! And as many of you know, staying up all night weakens your immune system making you more prone to diseases, and having diseases can make you miss school that can give you more homework. –*Richard, age 10*
2. **NO Time!!** We have 6 hours of school a day, 5 days a week - is that not enough?! So many students stay up into the wee hours of the morning, just to get homework done! With homework, you have less time for yourself, less time for sleeping, and you get in trouble if you don't do it. The students work hard all day and when they go home they have to do even more work on their own time. Homework also takes away play time. If kids had more time to be outside and play, then kids would be in better shape. – *Veronica, age 12*
3. **Homework should be wiped out!** I think that today students are intelligent enough to do their own preparation of studies. Students feel that homework has just become a burden. Due to the homework, they don't get time to do their own studies. Homework has also become so long and tedious that students don't get time to study in their own way, as they become helpless to complete their homework. –*Roger, father of 3 children*