

Debate Topics



Our debate topic recommendations by school level based on the *Culture and Citizenship in Quebec* program

We recommend reaching out to the volunteer legal professional to discuss and decide together which debate topics to cover with the students.

We suggest choosing 4 to 6 debate topics for a workshop.

CCQ concepts	Debate topic
Secondary I	
Public space and private space	People should be able to post photos on Facebook without having to ask everyone in the photo for their permission.
	School personnel should be able to search a student's locker at any time.
Secondary II	
Self-determination Freedom of choice	Teenagers should have the right to drop out of school when they want.
	A teenager shouldn't be able to get a credit card.
	When a child or teenager's parents separate, the child or teenager should have complete freedom to choose which parent to live with.
	Teenagers shouldn't be allowed to have plastic surgery.
	Teenagers should have the right to travel to other countries without their parents' consent.
Democracy Responsibilities as a citizen	All teenagers should have the right to vote.
Human rights Self-determination	You should have the rights of an adult before age 18.
	You should be able to work for a company before age 14.
	A teenager should have the right to get married.
	People who don't like their names should be able to change them.
	Teenagers should have the right to rent an apartment at any age.

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Secondary II	
Romantic trajectories	A minor (person under 18) should not be allowed to date an adult (18 and over).
Breaches and sanctions	A teenager who breaks a window should have to pay to fix it.
	People who trigger a fire alarm without reason should be punished by the law.
	The first person to use violence should always be the one who is punished.
	Teenagers should never go to prison even if they are found guilty of a serious crime.
	It should be possible to give the death penalty to teenagers guilty of very serious crimes.
Secondary II and IV	
Sexual behaviour Consent and sexual violence Digital expression of sexuality	Sending someone an intimate image without their consent should be a crime.
Charter of Rights and Freedoms Caring and hostility online Breaches and sanctions	People shouldn't be punished for what they say on the Internet because we live in a free country.
Secondary IV	
Caring and hostility online	It should be less serious to threaten someone on the Internet than to threaten someone in person.
Care Charter of Rights and Freedoms	Parents should be able to use physical force to discipline their children (spanking, grabbing an arm, etc.)
	A minor with an incurable illness that causes them a lot of suffering should have the right to ask for medical aid in dying.
Charter of Rights and Freedoms	Schools should be able to forbid piercings and certain types of clothing (crop tops, leggings, etc.)
Criminal Code and Civil Code	No one should drink even a small amount of alcohol while driving a car.
Digital communication Information technologies	Influencers should be punished if they don't say when they are featuring a sponsored product in their content.

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Secondary IV (cont.)	
Injustice Courts and legal recourse	All citizens should be able to get the services of a lawyer for free.
Courts and legal recourse Types of justice	Checking and fights are part of hockey. You shouldn't be punished by the legal system if you hit another player.
Secondary V	
Egalitarian public policies	A hotel housekeeper and doorman should be paid the same.

