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Directions:

1. Get into groups of two, and go to ProCon.org
2. As a group, choose one of the topics. You may not choose Medical Marijuana, Standardized Testing, Vaccines for Kids, Social Networking--Good or Bad, Video Games and Violence, Starting School Later, Abortion, or Censorship.
3. Each person should read six paragraphs, three for and three against, and write the best reason in the chart below. Do not duplicate paragraphs.
4. Each person should choose a different side of the argument. Therefore, person 1 might choose to argue the pro side and the person 2 would choose to argue the con side.
5. Each person will then write a thesis and 2 paragraphs--one for their side and one counterargument and rebuttal. Discuss with each other the topics so that you can choose the best idea as a counter and a logical rebuttal that uses evidence.

Remember to answer all of the following questions for your counter argument paragraph:

* What does the other side say?
* Why do they say it?
* Why are they wrong? (make sure you give evidence to prove your assertions)
* Bonus: Why is their argument ACTUALLY an argument for your side?

1. Once the two theses and 4 paragraphs are written, you will trade with another group who will read and evaluate your arguments. They will vote on who made the better argument.

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| Which paragraph? | Side | Best detail from that paragraph |
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