

Book Bankruptcy (argument for reading)

Title: Book Bankruptcy?

Subject: Students being required to read in school.

Class: Reading.

Topic: To read or to not read.

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We all know that whenever you pick up a book and read, it takes you on a magical journey of imagination, right? So, if that's the case, my question is, "Why doesn't everyone read then?". Well, ask yourself this, "Do you really want to read this book right now?". See, most people around the age of 12 or 13 probably say they don't read books, or if they do read, they probably don't feel like it. Some might also say that they haven't been reading at home either, which is why they're probably still halfway through a book they had since two months ago. Although I DO know that there are people who enjoy reading books at school AND at home. But, not to criticize any of the non-readers or anything, but reading is very important, and you need to read for almost everything you do: You read the labels on your favorite cereal brands, read the equations in math class, and you do a TON of reading in social studies. So, why not EVERYONE read, or at least finish more than two books? If you've noticed this, you're already reading because you're READING this right now! See, reading isn't so bad, because it also helps you accumulate and or gather knowledge from what it is that you're reading too.

On one hand, 79% of people say that students SHOULD be required to read in school and especially at home, because it is vital for their prior knowledge and their education. They also say this because, like Mrs. Gronwick had stated, the "non-stop" readers excel on tests and other things, and are known as the kids who read an immense amount of books in one school year, compared to the kids who read less than two books out of the entire school year, who are the "non-readers". It is also important because you pick up more vocabulary when reading

books, so you can understand words more, and maybe even use it when speaking or writing like me. Plus, If you read a lot, you will have increased focus, set goals, memory skills, you spend time wisely, you are educated, creative, and relaxed more.

On the other hand, 21% of people say that students SHOULD NOT be required to read in school and especially at home, which I'm sure most of you would agree with. This is because these people feel that they should read because it is good to and it really helps you a lot; **however**, they also feel that if you try to make someone read and they don't want to, they'll just end up hating reading more. These people think that it's their choices on whether they would like to read or not, and most of the time they don't want to, which is their opinions and their thoughts.

Okay, now to decide.. See, if you'd really like to know, I actually love to read, and that's probably why I'm educated, and I have increased focus and *memory skills* (Which is why I was able to *memorize* 130 digits of Pi for the contest!) **Reading can be a good thing and it can be a bad thing (it really depends on how an individual thinks of reading.)** I think that, don't hate me for this, that students SHOULD be required to read, because it is very important for you as a person, and for your prior knowledge. **Although I am all for people having the free will to make decisions, I feel that reading is a HUGE benefit.** I think this, because I have actually benefited from reading, because it's very fun to read the books you love. **Even though it feels as though you are just staring at an open book all day, reading gives you inspiration and creativity.** My favorite books are now fantasy, mystery, sci-fi, and poetry books, because my teacher Dr. Donovan, has shown me how great of an experience reading can be for someone. See, the whole reason why I wrote this argumentative essay, is because I am a bookworm myself, and I used to read SO much back in 6th grade, and I still enjoy snuggling up on the couch with a good book in my hand. **Because I read so many books, I have become an avid reader and a person with a good vocabulary.** If you're someone who can't stand the thought of reading at home, just try a book you're interested in and

give reading a chance. I also feel that you should read because I learned that 28% of American adults out of a group of 1,000 U.S. adults have not read a single book in the past year, and that's why it's important for us to get in the habit of reading now. You should also try *expanding* the variety of genres of books you read, by reading books you haven't tried like historical fiction or nonfiction. It also helps you become an *articulate* speaker, which is actually an asset at any job, and more people would want to hire you for jobs this way, according to Mrs. Gronwick. In conclusion, I encourage you to read more books, and have fun reading them too!

Compound sentence: Reading can be a good thing and it can be a bad thing (it really depends on how an individual thinks of reading.)

Complex sentence: Although I am all for people having the free will to make decisions, I feel that reading is a HUGE benefit.

Semicolon / Conjunctive adverb: This is because these people feel that they should read because it is good to and it really helps you a lot; however, they also think that if you try to make someone read and they don't want to, they'll just end up hating reading more.

Colon: But, not to criticize any of the non-readers or anything, but reading is very important, and you need to read for almost everything you do: You read the labels on your favorite cereal brands, read the equations in math class, and you do a TON of reading in social studies.