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SERIES I



What is the purpose of school?



Where are the women in math and science?



What is an American?



Cloning: Threat or opportunity?



Does rap music have a negative impact on youth?



Animal testing: Is it necessary?



Censorship: Who should decide what young people read?



Global warming: What should be done?



School dress codes: Not strict enough?



Steroids: Substance abuse or an innocent boost for athletes?



Mummies: Who owns the dead?



Junk food: Should schools sell it?



Is the death penalty justified?



Asthma: More than a medical



Today's news: Information or entertainment?



Teen Smoking: Who is Responsible?



Should military recruiters be allowed on high school campuses?



Should drugs be legalized?



Global civilization: Progress or Collapse?



High school dropouts: Who's to



Should victims' families all receive the same compensation?



Politics and Privacy: Do we need to know everything about a potential candidate?



Explicit Photos and Cell Phones: Innocent fun or illegal behavior?



Dating Violence: Who is responsible?

SERIES 2



Should passing a standardized test be a high school graduation requirement?



Should colleges use Affirmative Action?



Health issues in education: What is appropriate for our schools?



Do professional athletes deserve multi-million dollar salaries?



Should students be paid to do well in school? Title IX: Preventing discrimination



against girls and women in sports and education?



Should the government fund stem cell research?



Who is responsible for children's health?



Nuclear power: Our energy future, or danger to society?



Should the Pledge of Allegiance say "one nation, under God"?



Should English be the official language of the United States?



How should schools prevent bullying?



Should doctors be allowed to assist seriously ill patients with suicide?



Should American students be required to learn a second language?



Are Green Technologies worth the investment?



Violence and media: are ratings systems necessary?



Should intelligent design be taught in school?



Should drug companies be allowed to advertise prescription drugs on television?



Should voting be compulsory in local and national elections in the United States?



Should there be amnesty for undocumented immigrants?



Should corporal punishment be completely banned at home as well as in school?



Should middle and high school students have to meet a grade requirement to participate in sports? Are after-school jobs helpful or



students?

Should middle and high schools use academic tracking?

harmful for middle and high school

SERIES 3



Should school be a place for debate?



Should our use of paper or plastic be an individual choice or be regulated by the government?



Do the benefits of renting a pet outweigh the potential harm it can cause the animals?



Should adoption information be kept private or made public? Should secret wiretapping be legal?



Should the U.S. keep troops in Iraq?



Should the government impose a mandatory year of service?



Should the government regulate genetic testing?



Should the United States support the development of more biotechnology to genetically modify food?



Considering the possible benefits and risks, is becoming a vegetarian a smart decision?



Is an extended school day the right 5 choice for middle school students?



Should single-gender education be an option for families or should all public schools be co-ed?



Should schools have a vocational track?



Should there be a Kid Nation 2?



Who is responsible for protecting teens from online predators?



Should schools protect kids from cyberbullying? Should marijuana be allowed as a



medical treatment? How should doctors choose



recipients for organ transplants? Should the use of transfats in foods be regulated?



Should people be able to trademark

Should handguns be illegal?



phrases?

If you were a parent, would you buy a doll that misrepresented your values?

Should shopping malls be allowed to



institute teen curfews? Should it be mandatory to get a

