

EDITORIALS, 2021-2022

By Tanish A., 2nd grade

Covid 19 is a worldwide problem because it spread a lot. This is my main idea, and what I think should be done that everyone including people who have the vaccine should wear a mask because there is a new virus and I believe that it was caused by the covid 19. I think that because a lot of people started to take off their masks and soon the new virus came, and I do not want the covid 19 to spread. My counter Argument is people who do not wear masks can get very sick and infect people. But here's the weakness: masks, vaccines, and other safe things are not 100% safe. This is why I say: but it is better to use them anyway.

By Mushtaq D., 8th gr.

Choose one of the ideas above. Decide what YOU think should be done about that issue or problem.

Neighborhood: People are being too loud. I want my peace. 🕊️😞 They are having too many parties everywhere.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done: My neighborhood is too loud, and I don't like it because everywhere I go there is noise and I can't get my peace and quiet. I think that I should ask the people around me if the neighborhood is being too loud.

Here are my reasons:

1. My neighborhood is too loud.

Evidence to back up my reason. They are having too many parties.

2. I need my peace and quiet.

Evidence to back up my reason: If people are being too noisy, how can I ever finish what I'm doing?

3. I need my beauty sleep.

Evidence to back up my reason: I have to get up at 7 in the morning every day to go to school, so if they are being too loud, I am going to be tired at school.

Counter Argument. I could argue that I need to sleep.

But here's the weakness: Not everything is about me, and I need to accept that.

This is why I say: Let's be fair and maybe have a party in the morning and not when I'm trying to sleep. Thanks.

By Hassan D., 7th gr.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

There is a lot of trash in the whole city of Chicago. There should be a lot more trash collectors.

Here are my reasons:

1. When there is a lot of trash, the city gets dirtier and dirtier, and then the city will get less populace.

People are not breathing healthy air.

2. If the city gets dirtier, that means a lot more people are going to get sick.

Evidence to back up my reason: If the city gets dirtier, that means people won't want to live there anymore.

Counter Argument. You could argue that if the city is getting better and better, then all the people would still be living there.

But here's the weakness: If there is a lot of trash in the city, there is so much trash, and no one will clean it up.

This is why I say: If the city has too much trash, then there will be no animals, trees, flowers. They'll all die, because of the bad air the trash is causing.

Now write this out as an essay, an editorial.

Here are some of the problems: In school people don't listen. In the neighborhood people are making noise and it's annoying. In Chicago there is a lot of trash in the city.

My main idea is that there is a lot of trash in the city. Here is my reason. If there is a lot of trash every day, every month, every year that means Chicago is going to be dirtier, dirtier, and dirtier. If the city is going to be dirtier, that means there would be more sick people. If there is a lot of trash, there would be bad air. If there is a lot of trash, there would be no person, and nothing to clean it up. If there is a lot of trash, it would hurt animals, trees, flowers, and PEOPLE!!! They would all die because of the bad air the trash is causing.

Here is the solution. If there is a lot of trash, that means there should be more trash pickers, trash collectors, and more garbage trucks.

By Rithwik N., 4th gr.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

People bring candy to school when it is not allowed

Here are my reasons:

1. The candy may be expired, and it makes kids sick.

Evidence to back up my reason - I have seen people get sick

2. In school we should never fight for anything like candy you never ate.

Evidence to back up my reason:-I have seen people fight for candy for no reason

3. Some people do not use hand sanitizer and eat that will make them sick.

Evidence to back up my reason: - We are told to use hand sanitizer when we are going into the school.

Counter Argument. I know some people will say candy is delicious. It makes me happy.

But here's the weakness:

But we are told not to bring candy. It is against the rules.

This is why I say:

I think it is a big problem because people bring candy to school when it is not allowed.

Here are the reasons why I think candy in school is a problem. The candy may be expired, and it makes kids sick. I have seen people get sick. In school we should never fight for anything like candy you never ate. I have seen people fight for candy for no reason. Some people do not use hand sanitizer and eat that will make them sick. We are told to use hand sanitizer when we are going into the school.

If people are bringing candy to school, they are not listening to the rules. I know some people will say candy is delicious and it makes them happy. But we are told not to bring candy and it is against the rules.

Please don't bring candy because it is not healthy. Plus, bringing candy to school is a huge distraction. Sometimes it may cause fights. If everyone follows the rules they will not be in trouble.

By Nathan L., 8th gr.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

Fix school lunches. I want good food, if I forgot to bring a lunch

Here are my reasons:

1. only chicken and cheese, things very bland
like frozen warm fried chicken or cardboard pizza
2. The kids are not happy :(
literally everyone throws away school lunches
3. no vegan food/ no veg entrees

Counter Argument. You could argue that it's free but still . .

But here's the weakness: It doesn't taste good.

This is why I say: School lunches are bad. Please fix.

My essay:

I think we should fix school lunches because they don't taste good. One reason why is that they only serve chicken and things with cheese. The chicken is either hard or tasteless and the cheese doesn't taste good, especially on cardboard pizza. Nobody likes it, and people throw lunches away. Even though it's free, it's not really worth it. Like, with \$1 you can get some chicken nuggets from McDonalds. Even though sometimes they had something not chicken, it depleted your energy instead of giving you energy.

Instead, we should have good, yet quality food. For example, we can have instant ramen. It's cheap and fast to make UNLIKE WARM FROZEN CHICKEN. And even SPAM IT'S SPAAAAM. CANNED PROCESS MEAT THAT'S LIKE 25 CENTS. And wheat bread :(. But other than that, more variety.

By Mourya B., kindergarten

Neighborhood:

People might fall in the water.

Chicago:

Be careful in the water.

If you're walking and looking backward, you might fall in the water.

Do not play tag at the beach. You might fall in the water.

By Himaneesh D., 2nd gr.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done: Hunting endangered species--tigers, wolves, sharks, bison, blue penguins; not just animals, but trees and plants too is not good. Create reserves to keep wild areas; hire guards to protect the reserves' and hire forest rangers to protect the environment and animals.

Here are my reasons:

1. People should not keep wild animals to show they are rich.
2. Wild animals should not be pets because they are built for the wild, not people's homes
3. Stop it when animals hunt and kill too many animals -- like when foxes were able to get to blue penguin island and killed all but 10 blue penguins
4. Put hunters in prison for 5 days. If they get caught again, put them in prison
5. Use trees to make woods -- make space for buildings and farms.
6. People should be allowed to hunt when they are hungry -- only one meal per day -- until their crops grow.

Evidence to back up my reason

1. We need to learn about animals and trees, and we can't learn about them if they are extinct.
2. Wild animals should not be kept as pets. They get too big for the house.
3. People should not keep wild animals to show they are rich.
4. In the olden days, people did not know about endangered species.
5. There should be a law to protect animals and trees like people want to be treated.

Counter Argument. You could argue that

1. They don't know how to grow crops and pick berries. They say they need animals.
2. They think it's like basketball. It's game. They have fun killing animals, and they don't think about what it would be like if animals would kill them.
3. They want to use the gun.
4. They want to cut trees to make space for farms and to have wood.

But here's the weakness:

1. People who want to use a gun can shoot at target or shoot in the arcade in the airport
2. Eat vegetable and fruit -- farm animal (chickens, pigs, turkeys). My grandma's farm has goats, sheep, cows, and a dog.

This is why I say:

Don't waste nature, like wild animals. Nature has given us gifts that we should not waste. We should not kill wild animals or cut down too many trees. We need trees because they give us oxygen. If too many plants and trees are killed, there will be too much carbon dioxide and we will die too. That's how important trees and animals are.

Some people agree with me because they know that too many animals, trees, and plants are being made extinct. They know that endangered animals and plants are needed to keep us alive. Wild animals should not be kept as pets because they will get big and kill. Endangered plants and trees do not need to be used for food or wood to build.

Some people disagree with me. They say they need animals to eat because they don't know how to grow crops or pick berries. Some hunters say that they want to kill animals for fun. They think it's like a game. For some, they want to use a gun because they think it is fun. People cut down trees because they like to use their saws. They also cut endangered trees to make farms, have room for livestock, and to make wood.

I disagree with these people. You can learn how to pick plants. All you need to do is hold the plant and pull off what you want to eat. To hunters who think it's a game, what if a pack of wolves came up and attacked hunters. Would they say that it's a game if the animals hunted them? People should not like to just use their saws for fun. They are dangerous. Farmers should use open land to make farms and have room for livestock. For wood, they could cut off branches without cutting down the whole tree.

Overall, please don't kill animals or trees just for game. Don't ever, ever, ever do it for a game. Don't cut down trees to build houses. You can use bricks instead. People need to think about how killing endangered trees and animals will affect their lives, the cause and effect of killing animals and trees.

By Raul V., 6th gr.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

Littering: Make a society of people who want to help with cleaning up. Or, making a fundraiser, asking people to help make the world a better place.

Here are my reasons: 1. Trash can attract animals with rabies, and rabies can make people sick.

Evidence to back up my reason

2. Littering can make water bad.

Evidence to back up my reason:

My solution will be to hire people to go to places like the beach, where there's littering, to tell people to pick up their garbage, or to clean up. They can be hired or be volunteers.

Evidence to back up my reason:

I've seen people secretly throw the rest of their cigarettes on the ground. My solution will fix that by putting up no smoking signs. There would be a fee of \$25 if you smoke.

Another problem is that cigarettes create air pollution.

Smoke from factories creates pollution. They should make something that would trap the smoke in something, so it won't go in the air. Buildings, factories, and stores with smoke would have to trap it.

Solutions to the problem of littering and pollution:

1. Plastic bottles can be recycled. Recycling can be used in many ways. Recycling can be used by recycling plastic bottles, metal, or anything that can be reused. It can be helpful in different ways since sometimes you might need something that is reusable. Recycling can affect littering and pollution by making less litter. Pollution will go down too because pollution is created by littering.

2. I've seen people secretly throw the rest of their cigarettes on the ground. My solution will fix that by putting up no smoking signs. There would be a fee of \$25 if you smoke. If you smoke cigarettes the smoke will cause pollution. No smoking signs with a 25\$ fine will make cigarettes less popular. The signs will ban cigarettes. Cigarettes are a part of litter. By banning cigarettes, littering will go down because there will not be cigarette parts everywhere. If littering goes down, pollution will go down too because pollution is the air so there will be less smoke in the air since you're banning cigarettes.

Smoke from factories creates pollution. They should make something that would trap the smoke in something, so it won't go in the air. Buildings, factories, and stores with smoke would have to trap it. Trapping the smoke would be better because there would be less pollution in the city, and it will make other things more advanced.

Counter Argument. You could argue that

It will cost a lot of money to put up a lot of signs, make the traps for smoke, or to hire people to clean up. People might argue and start fights. You might need the money for other things.

But here's the weakness:

I think it's worth spending the money. The country would go to waste if you don't spend the money to fix the problems. You would help make the world a better place, and healthier. That would save money if people were healthier and didn't smoke.

This is why I say: Helping earth would be helpful for the community. You could save the earth by not littering or polluting.

Adithi G., 2nd gr.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

The problem is Covid19 is affecting people. We need more doctors and more vaccines. With more doctors and more vaccines, Covid19 would go away quickly.

Here are my reasons:

1. More doctors and more vaccines would allow people to go out more often.
I know that vaccines can heal people from Covid19.

2. This would allow us to take off the masks.

Evidence to back up my reason: If Covid19 went away, we wouldn't need the masks.

Counter Argument. You could argue that people don't need to be vaccinated and they don't need to wear masks.

But here's the weakness: The weakness is that if people don't get vaccinated and don't wear masks, Covid19 could spread around the world.

This is why I say: People should get vaccinated as quickly as possible so that Covid19 disappears.

By Donovan F., 5th gr.

Fortnite -- I like it -- you can choose and customize your skin. The object is to win by shooting down your opponents. Level 51 -- I play every day after school when I'm done with homework

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done: Should everyone play this? It depends on a person's age -- kids should not play if they are six or under.

They change the map each 4 maps. This season is Sideways, an event that appears in one place on the map. You see a purple ball to make Sideways happen. two different game modes --- battle royale or creative (create your own maps) -- I like creative because it's easier to level up. I started playing in Chapter two (season four).

Playing at least four years.

Why would someone not like Fortnite? because of the violence.

I think it's okay to play Fortnite

Here are my reasons: It's good, so long as they don't imitate it in real life

I like to customize my skin and I use a pickaxe that has feelings. A new one is Stringles, he can tell when enemies are coming. Sometimes he and other pickaxes.

Evidence to back up my reason:

You can play with friends or by myself. You can meet new friends

You have to make strategy -- You have to look at how other people have played the game -- make choices about weapons -- you can tell how hard the walls will be before they break. architects and engineers -- Sometimes the people will build things to protect --

Counter Argument. You could argue that: Gun based video games teach young people to be violent. Young people should be playing real games like soccer, football, and basketball to keep their bodies healthy

Fortnite distracts young people from learning what they need to learn in school. The game is too addictive.

This is why I say:

Some people say Fortnite is violent and dangerous for young people. I think that kids under the age of 13 should know what they're doing when they play the game. Someone who knows the game probably should teach them. The game is violent, but sometimes you can build up strengths like strategy, decision making, endurance and confidence. A lot of people do not play the game anymore, there is a lot of try-hards and annoying, so people just quit

I like the game because of the helpful items in the game. There are supply drops that give you good loot. There are also npcs that you can battle. The npcs can drop weapons or you can trade gold to get exotic weapons like the hop rock dual pistols. When you shoot them, you jump high for a short period of time. You can also play with friends or by yourself. You can meet new friends.

You have to make a strategy. You have to look at how other people have played the game and make choices about weapons. You can tell how hard the walls will be before they break. quick builders. Sometimes the people will build things to protect.

Some people think it is bad because it a gun-based video game. It is making kids not want to do another thing. They teach young people to be violent.

Young people should be playing real games like soccer, football, and basketball to keep their bodies healthy. Fortnite distracts young people from learning what they need to learn in school. The game is too addictive.

I think they are wrong because I know the difference.

By Sathwik N., 2nd gr.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

Don't play with the boy that is bullying you. Tell a teacher when this boy is mean.

Here are my reasons:

1. That the bully will get punished. It will teach him a lesson

Evidence to back up my reason:

The bully will have to talk to the teacher after class, and he will be taught a lesson.

2. It will make the bully stop. He won't hit and run again.

Evidence to back up my reason: The proof is that because the bully doesn't want to get punished again, he won't hit and run anymore.

3. When I tell the teacher, it will inspire other kids who are being bullied to tell the teacher as well.

Counter Argument. You could argue that telling the teacher could possibly make the bully angrier.

But here's the weakness:

Even though the bully is angrier, telling the teacher will make it sure that he doesn't hit anyone again.

Now write this out as an essay, an editorial.

A problem that my school is facing right now is bullying. There is a bully in my class who hits me and then runs away. A solution to this problem is: Don't play with the boy that is bullying you, and tell a teacher when this boy is mean. The first reason we should do this is because the bully will get taught a lesson; he will be punished. The evidence is that the bully will have to talk to the teacher after class. The second reason is that telling the teacher will make the bully stop. He won't hit and run again. The proof is that because the bully doesn't want to get punished again, he won't hit and run anymore.

By Arohi S., 2nd gr.

School:

- **COVID (virus)**
 - Class eats together
 - Stay in same seat
 - Conversations are allowed only with mask on
 - Not all students are at school every day (sometimes people have to miss)
 - Use more hand sanitizer than normal
 - Send kids home more frequently if they show symptoms of sickness

Neighborhood:

- **Beaches**
 - Dangerous waves-> floods
 - Sometimes trash
 - Duck poop
- **Traffic**
 - Construction

Chicago:

- **Downtown Chicago Traffic**
- **Fires**
- **Beach**
 - **Big waves**

Choose one of the ideas above. Decide what YOU think should be done about that issue or problem.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

I think that beaches should be cleaned up.

Here are my reasons:

1. There are many animals that live in the water that can be harmed.
 - Fish, sharks, snails, turtles, ducks, and many other animals live in the water. If there is trash on the beach, the animals may be harmed. This could lead to injuries or even death for the water life.
 - If there is garbage on the sand or in the water, seagulls may eat it. They could also die from eating plastic bags, forks and knives, straws, and glass.
2. Little kids may try to eat the garbage.

Evidence to back up my reason:

- If people litter, both the animals and the little kids may think the garbage is food. Animals and small kids don't know what's the difference between garbage and food.

3. Garbage can be moved to the beach by wind

Evidence to back up my reason:

- Parks are normally near beaches, and some people litter at parks. People may litter in other places close to the beach, so this can end up at the beach and hurt the animals. If the park is close to the beach, wind may blow it into the water.
- Sometimes people litter on purpose because there are not enough trash cans in the city. Some people litter all the time in other places.

Counter Argument. You could argue that

Beach cleanup can need many people to help and it's hard work.

But here's the weakness:

Volunteers are happy to help the beaches stay clean.

This is why I say:

I think that beaches should be cleaned up. There are many animals that live in the water that can be harmed; little kids may try to eat the garbage; and it can be moved to the beach by wind.

Fish, sharks, snails, turtles, ducks, and many other animals live in the water. If there is trash on the beach, the animals may be harmed. This could lead to injuries or even death for the water life. If there is garbage on the sand or in the water, seagulls may eat it. They could also die from eating plastic bags, forks and knives, straws, and glass.

By Shashi R., 2nd gr.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

The problem of bullying in schools is very important. Being bullied in schools makes students feel mad and frustrated when they should be able to focus on school.

They need to teach people to stop bullying, get a social worker, and make some new rules.

Here are my reasons:

1. There should be a system for those bullied students to reach out for help while still feeling comfortable.

Evidence to back up my reason:

The people who get bullied could feel safe and happy.

2. The kids need to be doing work and if they are being bullied, they will be focused on other thing.

Evidence to back up my reason:

School is a place kids should learn and be good students.

3. The kids will go to school to do good on their work.

Evidence to back up my reason:

If more be people stop bullying the less people will be sad and the more work can be done.

Counter Argument. You could argue that

It's hard to have people stop from being bullies and it's hard to help people talk about being bullied!

But here's the weakness:

Maybe we can change their classes to keep them away from each other. It's important to make sure they feel safe. We can help them with talking about it.

This is why I say: It is important because other people will get bullied if they don't stop it quickly. And people shouldn't be treated like that.

By Raul V.

School: There's a lot of fighting at school.

Neighborhood: There's a lot of wild coyotes and deer. A deer got run over and it made the neighborhood stink. Coyotes can attack you.

Chicago: There's a lot of pollution and littering.

Choose one of the ideas above. Decide what YOU think should be done about that issue or problem.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

Littering: Make a society of people who want to help with cleaning up. Or, make a fundraiser, asking people to help make the world a better place.

Here are my reasons:

1. Trash can attract animals with rabies, and rabies can make people sick.

Evidence to back up my reason: I have seen animals like mice and raccoons in the garbage or outside since they went to look for food. I have also seen stray cats.

2. Littering can make water bad.

Evidence to back up my reason: I've seen plastic bottles in the water.

3. My solution will be to hire people to go to places like the beach, where there's littering, to tell people to pick up their garbage, or to clean up. They can be hired or be volunteers.

Another problem is that cigarettes create air pollution.

Solutions to the problem of littering and pollution:

1. Plastic bottles can be recycled. Recycling can be used in many ways. Recycling can be used by cycling plastic bottles, metal, or anything that can be reused. It can be helpful in different ways since sometimes you might need something that is reusable. Recycling can affect littering and pollution by making less litter. Pollution will go down too because pollution is created by littering.

2. I've seen people secretly throw the rest of their cigarettes on the ground. My solution will fix that by putting up no smoking signs. There would be a fee of \$25 if you smoke. If you smoke cigarettes the smoke will cause pollution. No smoking signs with a \$25 fine will make cigarettes less popular. The signs will ban cigarettes. Cigarettes are a part of litter. By banning cigarettes, littering will go down because there will not be cigarette parts everywhere. If littering goes down, pollution will go down too because pollution is the air so there will be less smoke in the air since you're banning cigarettes.

3. Smoke from factories creates pollution. They should make something that would trap the smoke in something, so it won't go in the air. Buildings, factories, and stores with smoke would have to trap it. Trapping the smoke would be better because there would be less pollution in the city, and it will make other things more advanced.

Counter Argument. You could argue that

It will cost a lot of money to put up a lot of signs, make the traps for smoke, or to hire people to clean up. People might argue and start fights. You might need the money for other things.

But here's the weakness:

I think it's worth spending the money. The country would go to waste if you don't spend the money to fix the problems. You would help make the world a better place, and healthier. That would save money if people were healthier and didn't smoke.

This is why I say: Helping earth would be helpful for the community. You could save the earth by not littering or polluting.

By Nathan L., 8th gr.

Should we keep exotic animals as pets? Yes! Because it can express how a person feels and is interesting to say the least. People keep monkeys and snakes, even crocodiles and rodents! Any animal can be trained to be obedient like at a circus but minus animal harm. Some people keep large lizards and parrots. Snakes can also be trained to be a best friend like a dog. Newts and so on. People train elephants to be like a taxi in some places. Stuff like hedgehogs can be kept as pets if not threatened. Even a planaria can be kept as a pet. Sure they are small and stuff but they can live up to a 100 years if taken care of extremely well.

WRITE AN EDITORIAL

Name: Jordynn J., 6th gr.

Identify current issues (problems) that affect your school, your neighborhood, and the city of Chicago.

School: Learn about different things.

Neighborhood: There aren't enough parks, especially the slides and swings.

Chicago: We need to do better about coronavirus.

Choose one of the ideas above. Decide what YOU think should be done about that issue or problem.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

I think that in school we should be able to learn about more things, like math.

Here are my reasons:

1. I love learning and I'm getting better at math each day.

Evidence to back up my reason

Other kids also enjoy learning about math, and they also get better.

2. Learning about math, and different types of math. I'm getting better at subtraction.

Evidence to back up my reason:

Math helps me in my everyday life, and it helps me learn other things as well like cooking and counting.

3. As you get older, you learn more things like math and it's fun to learn about it. Also learn about science and problem solving.

Evidence to back up my reason: People everywhere love learning, and it helps them every single day.

Counter Argument. You could argue that people don't always like learning.

But here's the weakness: but learning helps everyone with school, math, reading, and jobs.

This is why I say: that everyone should try to learn more, and schools should teach more.

Now write this out as an essay, an editorial.

I love learning new things. At school my teachers teach me a lot, but they could teach me more. Learning can make it easier to do things like cook, clean, math, science and more. I love learning math because it helps me with everything. I am always nice, which I learned from school.

WRITE AN EDITORIAL Name: Jonathan C., 1st gr.

Identify current issues (problems) that affect your school, your neighborhood, and the city of Chicago.

School: So many kids make noise.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

So many kids make noise at school. It's hard to study with so much noise. The hall monitors should go to the classroom and tell the children to be quiet.

Here are my reasons:

1. Every day the kids keep making noise.

Evidence to back up my reason: I hear the kids making noise and talking a lot.

2. I close my ears, so I won't be disturbed by the noise.

Evidence to back up my reason: It works.

3. The hall monitors should go to the classroom and tell the children to be quiet.
The kids would listen to the hall monitor.

Evidence to back up my reason: I have seen this before, a lot of times.

Counter argument. You could say that I'm making this all up.

But here's the weakness: But that's not true. Kids make noise!

This is why I say: The hall monitors should go to the classroom and tell the children to be quiet.

WRITE AN EDITORIAL **Name:** Harasha P., 2nd gr.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

We have rats and mice and cockroaches in my apartment building, because people leave food around and trash on the floor. What should be done is to cut the heaters out.

Here are my reasons:

1. If we cut the heaters out, this would get the rats out.

Evidence to back up my reason:

Because they are making noise.

WRITE AN EDITORIAL **Name:** Jordynn J., 6th gr.

Identify current issues (problems) that affect your school, your neighborhood, and the city of Chicago.

School: Kids fighting.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done:

The recess monitor should pay more attention to the children or get professional recess monitors.

Here are my reasons:

1. Children are getting hurt and the recess monitors don't know that they're getting hurt.

Evidence to back up my reason

I saw a kid fall on the ice and the recess monitor didn't know about it. The recess monitor was in the corner talking to the other recess monitors.

2. A professional recess monitor would be paying attention to the kids instead of talking to other people.

WRITE AN EDITORIAL

Name: Mushtaq D., 8th gr.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done: Students are bullying other students in school, and I think we should take their technology away.

Here are my reasons:

1. They are bullying other students. I see it.
2. They're going to cause the students to commit suicide.

Evidence to back up my reason: I can see their fear.

3. They are also cyber-bullying them.

Evidence to back up my reason: You can see all the posts on social media.

Counter Argument. You could argue that they have freedom of speech.

But here's the weakness: You cannot say everything you want, even if you have freedom of speech.

This is why I say: Take the technology away of the people who are bullying. The teachers can see the students' CPS accounts, and they can check their social media, so they'll know who is bullying.

Actually, I have not been bullied. I am too strong to be bullied. No one touches me. I know it occurs because I see it online.

My message to the people who are being bullied is to never give up, and also fight back, because they have no right to bully you.

OTHER ESSAYS STUDENTS HAVE WRITTEN THIS YEAR

By Rithwik N., 4th gr., with his tutor, Peter A.

Cities and Villages Chicago, and Cities in India

Cities and villages all over the world

Chicago is my favorite city because I have been here for five years, and I have friends that play with me a lot. Also, I have a great time living in Chicago. I like Chicago because I like the shops with all kinds of shoes.

New Delhi is the capital of India. In Delhi, the Red House was built when the British Army came to take their money. They had a shop that sold salt and the people all over India had to pay taxes to the British. A lot of brave Indians fought the British Army and made them leave India. Also, the father of India fought the British and now he is known to a lot of people and also he is famous.

Hyderabad is the capital of Telangana and there is a diamond mine. The city of Nizams. Historic structures, royal forts, and amazing food. A famous food in Hyderabad is Biryani. One of my favorite foods is Biryani. Also another famous food is Samosas. I have eaten Vegetarian Samosas and they are really spicy and shaped like a triangle. Samosas are stuffed with vegetables like potatoes and peas along with a curry.

I traveled to the United States from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport. It is the biggest airport in Asia.



Delhi Airport



Bombay is both a rich and poor city located in the province of Maharashtra. There is a famous temple in Bombay named Shirdi. At the temple, you need to walk a long way. The god in the temple is named Sai Baba.



This is the temple named Shirdi.

WRITE AN EDITORIAL

Name: Carl A., 3rd gr.

An editorial is a newspaper article, written by an editor or editorial board, that expresses an opinion on a current issue.

Identify current issues (problems) that affect your school, your neighborhood, and the city of Chicago.

Neighborhood: Everyone is so rich. They live in rich houses. My neighbor is a millionaire.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done: Maybe they should have a down-grade on their money. The money they are supposed to get should go down.

Here are my reasons:

1. They would learn how the poor people live, and they would see that as normal.
2. They should see how to live in a little, small house.
3. They would learn how to not be fancy.

Counter Argument. You could argue that It's good to have millionaires.

But here's the weakness: Some millionaires are so bad. They don't treat poor people right.

This is why I say: Millionaires are good and bad, in some ways.

WRITE AN EDITORIAL

Name: By Tanisha S., 2nd gr.

Identify current issues (problems) that affect your school, your neighborhood, and the city of Chicago.

School: false fire alarm, everyone in class got in trouble for not listening to the teacher

Choose one of the ideas above. Decide what YOU think should be done about that issue or problem.

This is my main idea, and what I think should be done: Students not listening to teachers. Students should listen and follow directions.

Here are my reasons:

1. They can help the teacher to clean up.
2. Students should try to be more careful, so they do not get in trouble
3. If students get in trouble they go to the principal's office. So, they should listen to the teacher and not talk to each other.

Counter Argument. You could argue that listening to teachers is boring.

But here's the weakness:

Listening to teachers is not boring because I will get good things. I will get straight A's and rewards for good grades.

This is why I say:

All students should listen to teachers.