Arguments and counterarguments

*Year 10 English*

***Learning intention:*** *We are learning to formulate arguments and counterarguments on a variety of topics to develop persuasive writing and speaking skills.*

**For each of the topics below, brainstorm ideas and put together 3 arguments and 2 counter arguments. You can use the internet for research if you are stuck but have a go at coming up with arguments yourself FIRST.**

**EXAMPLE:** School uniforms should be banned

**Arguments:**

1. Uniforms are uncomfortable and limit movement which prevents physical activity
2. School uniforms are expensive which places a financial burden on parents.
3. School uniforms prevent freedom of expression and creativity

**Counter arguments:**

1. Uniforms save time in the morning because you don’t have to decide what to wear.
2. Uniforms prevent kids who don’t wear fashionable/cool clothes from getting teased.

**TOPIC 1:** That “influencers” are detrimental to society.

**Arguments:**

**Counter arguments:**

**TOPIC 2:** That New Zealand should become part of the Commonwealth of Australia.

**Arguments:**

**Counter arguments:**

**TOPIC 3:** That resurrecting the Tasmanian Tiger would be a good idea.

**Arguments:**

**Counter arguments:**

**TOPIC 4:** That athletes and sports people are not good role models for young people.

**Arguments:**

**Counter arguments:**

**TOPIC 5:** That changing Roald Dahl’s books to make them more acceptable for modern audiences is a good idea.

**Arguments:**

**Counter arguments:**

**TOPIC 6:** That defacing works of art is an unacceptable form of protest.

**Arguments:**

**Counter arguments:**

**TOPIC 7:** That the Victorian Government’s decision to cancel the Commonwealth Games was a good idea.

**Arguments:**

**Counter arguments:**

**TOPIC 8:** That traffic fines should be based on income.

**Arguments:**

**Counter arguments:**

**TOPIC 9:** That there should be a mandatory retirement age for politicians.

**Arguments:**

**Counter arguments:**

**TOPIC 10:** That single-sex schools are better than co-educational schools.

**Arguments:**

**Counter arguments:**