

## Year 7 AP/Discovery - Knowledge Organiser – Summer – Balanced Arguments

### Some questions to get you thinking:

- What is a balanced argument?
- Why do we debate?
- Why do we need to look at both sides of an argument?
- What are the key features of a balanced argument?
- What is a rhetorical question?

### The Structure of a Balanced Argument

#### Title

The title should include the topic of the argument.

#### Hook

The first line of the argument, usually includes a rhetorical question.

#### Introduction

Introduces the argument and the context of it including any historic background and statistics.

#### Arguments For

Explain all the arguments in agreement with the question. Use examples and evidence to support ideas.

#### Arguments against

Explain all the arguments in disagreement with the question. Use examples and evidence to support ideas.

#### Conclusion

A summary of the key points of the argument and includes the writer's opinion.

### Key Vocabulary and definitions:

**Argument** An exchange of diverging or opposite views.

**For** In favour of the argument.

**Against** In opposition to the argument.

**Rhetorical question** A question that doesn't require an answer but makes the reader think.

**Hook** A sentence that gets the reader engaged straight away.

**Opinion** A view or judgement made about something. Usually a person's point of view.

**Formal writing** Writing that uses Standard English and no slang.

**Conjunctions** a word used to connect clauses or sentences or to coordinate words in the same clause.

**Conclusion** The summing up of the argument. Includes the writer's opinion.

**Present Tense** A tense expressing an action that is currently going on

**Third Person** A narrative voice that uses 'he' 'she' 'they' or 'it.' **Fact** Information that is known or proved to be true. **Evidence** The available body of facts or information indicating whether a belief or proposition is true or valid.

**Debate** A formal discussion on a particular matter in which opposing arguments are put forward and which usually ends with a vote

### Questions for a balanced arguments:

- Question 1 Should mobile phones be banned?
- Question 2 Do you agree with school uniform?
- Question 3 Should homework be scrapped?
- Question 4 Should the UK leave the European Union?
- Question 5 Should children be allowed to vote?
- Question 6 Should we come to school on the weekend?

