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## Homework Break in West Head

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A recent decision by a board of education on the subject of homework has led to strong reactions from various groups. The West Head Education board announced it would be doing a practice 'no-homework' trial for a year beginning in September 2019. The plan will apply to all elementary, junior high and high school students.

Les Hale, spokesperson for the West Head Board, explained, "We have to think about the stress and worries that our youngsters experience these days due to the pressures they face in their lives. When you add homework to the usual school day, children are putting in more hours a week than adults do at work." He added, "We think this move will also allow families more chances to eat at the same time, have fun and make sure their children are getting to bed at a normal time."

Despite this, some people have different opinions about homework. One father said, "It's a window into their education. We can't give them support if we don't know what they're studying." Another mother said, "Homework gives children a sense of pride. When they are able to answer homework questions about what they learned at school, their confidence grows. These sorts of habits are good practice for the future."

### 65 Comments

#### Latest

Sally Mercer 19 June / 11:14 P.M.

I wish the school I teach at were in West Head! I'm writing this tonight just after checking another 50 math papers. Being free of homework would leave us with more energy to use in the classroom to give fun lessons to our students.

問1 According to the announcement in the article, students will experience a twelve month period when they will .

- ① be free from having to do any homework assignments
- ② be given homework set by the board of education
- ③ face strict penalties if they forget to do their homework
- ④ have to do homework without help from parents

問2 Your team will support the debate topic, "Homework is not a necessary part of education." In the article, one **opinion** (not a fact) helpful for your team is that .

- ① an educational board voted to never have homework again
- ② not having homework may give families more time together
- ③ there is no data to show homework improves grades
- ④ there is too much homework for children to finish

問3 The other team will oppose the debate topic. In the article, one **opinion** (not a fact) helpful for that team is that .

- ① checking homework is not so hard for the teacher
- ② children spend as long doing homework as adults spend at work
- ③ finishing homework can be satisfying for a student
- ④ homework can help children who cannot attend cram school

問4 In the 3rd paragraph of the article, "It's a window into their education" means that homework .

- ① gives parents an idea of what a child is studying
- ② is best done at a desk in a bright room
- ③ is not the most important part of educating a student
- ④ must be checked by their teachers

問5 According to her comment, Sally Mercer  the announcement stated in the article.

- ① has no particular opinion about
- ② partly agrees with
- ③ strongly agrees with
- ④ strongly disagrees with