

Argumentative Essay Examples 8th Grade

Don't Let Us Clean! Clean? You're Scaring Me! I understand that some committee has suggested that kids be assigned to clean the school. What? I do not this is a good idea at all. There are so many reasons that this is a bad idea, I hardly know where to start. Aren't we supposed to be learning during school? Aren't we supposed to be home after school? I think most teachers and students would agree with me that the answer is yes. I don't know of a time we could fit it into our already crazy schedules. Most of us have tons of homework to do at night, and we also have all kinds of activities, like sports, clubs, and lessons. Besides, how would it work? Would our teachers send home a permission slip home with us asking our parents if we could stay after school to clean it up? Would we be excused from our homework that night? I must be honest that most likely I would accidentally-on-purpose forget to have it signed or read, for that matter. Let's say that you could somehow get us to be able to do it. Then we would probably need a supervisor.

I mean, students need supervisors at lunch, in the hall, outside, on the bus – basically everywhere. So are you going to let them loose to clean the school without one? And so who would do that? "Easy, teachers could be on duty," you might say. Well, do you know a teacher who would like to watch students clean? Teachers already have plenty to do with grading, lunch duty, and meetings. I doubt they need to add something else to their days. Knowing my fellow students, I know we would not exactly be thrilled to be cleaning the school. So I don't think we'd do a very good job of it. Most of us don't like cleaning at all. We'd rather watch a movie or play Xbox instead of picking up those germ-infested pop bottles off the lawn. Yuck! We also would not know how to operate the machinery. Custodians use those huge vacuums and floor sweepers. I wouldn't want to be responsible for that! And then there is the cafeteria, with its messy tables and floors. At my school, the custodians also have to fold up these really heavy tables that have hinges in the middle. A kid could get hurt doing that. I'm not going to even discuss the restrooms.

Let's just say that kids and school cleaning are not a good match. Aren't custodians supposed to clean? Don't you think it would be just a tiny, tiny bit inconsiderate to give part of their job to students? They might think they're being insulted! It would be much easier to get a couple of custodians to do it than trying to get rowdy seventh-graders to mow lawns or sweep the halls. Custodians are responsible adults, and they know what they are doing. I know that everyone at my school wants to be proud of the way it looks. Custodians can make sure that the floors are polished and the school grounds are attractive. They already do this, so there is no reason to change. I want to conclude by saying that overall I don't know why we would change a system that already works. If money to pay custodians is the problem, we should find another answer, because we will waste more money by having kids clean up the school. Also, you'd have to go through permission slips, mad custodians, unwilling students and hiring supervisors. There might also be some law for working children that I don't know much about. Please ponder on what I have said and make your decision.