



In 1852 compulsory education entered in to the United States of America when the state of Massachusetts made it law for students to attend school. Within 70 years every other state in the Union had enacted similar laws. However, compulsory education is not without its critics. Do you believe that compulsory education should remain law in America?

Feel free to use the following arguments for your **topic sentences**.

I sure do!

- Because of compulsory education illiteracy has been greatly reduced.
- Compulsory education allows for students to be better prepared to take on higher paying jobs.
- It discourages child labor.
- It encourages economic, social, and political development.

No way!

- Schools don't necessarily teach students how to learn in real life.
- Students should have the right to control what information they take in.
- It is a strain on local and federal resources-- it is simply too expensive.
- Schools don't appeal to all students.

You need:

An introduction (A **hook**, some **context**, a **thesis**)

Two body paragraphs (**Topic sentence**, **evidence**, **commentary**)

A conclusion (**A review of your arguments**, **a parting shot**)