**Name:** Mr. Gleason

**Topic:** Should students have homework?

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| **For** | **Against** |
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	1. “Homework is one of the main ways in which the student’s family can be involved with their learning. Many parents value the chance to see what their child is studying and to support them in it.”
 | 5. BBC News. (2008, March 10). Teachers call for ban on homework. Retrieved July 14, 2011, from BBC News: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/7287962.stmHomework puts students off learning. Studies have shown that many children find doing homework very stressful, boring and tiring. Often teachers underestimate how long a task will take, or set an unrealistic deadline. Sometimes because a teacher has not explained something new well in class, the homework task is impossible |
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 | 6. Speranza, L. (2011, June 19). Teachers want more respect. Retrieved July 15, 2011, from The Sunday Telegraph: http://www.news.com.au/national/teachers-want-more-respect/story-e6frfkv...This leaves teachers tired and with little time to prepare effective, inspiring lessons. If the lessons aren't to the standard they should be, the point of homework is lost as the students have little to practise in the first place. |