Homework Mini-Debate Prompt

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_thinks homework is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thinks homework is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. I have always thought homework was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Now I think homework is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Sydney Holt thinks homework is bad because she likes to have her teacher present when she does her work. On the other hand, Harris Cooper thinks homework rules because it teaches kids study skills. Before today, I’ve always considered homework to be a necessary aspect of a fifth grader’s life because it gives them more time to practice skills learned in school. After this discussion, I’m starting to see that homework may not be the best choice for teachers because it asks students to do work when the teacher is unable to assist them.