

Questions to Consider: The United States should close all schools because of COVID-19

- Read the article excerpt, "Is Closing Schools a Good Idea?"
- Read and answer questions below: write out your answers, think about them without writing, or answer out loud.
- Ask one or more family members to answer each question. Talk with them about their answers and how they're the same or different from yours. What can you learn from each other about your unique ideas?

1. Is closing schools worth the disruption to kids and their families?
(A "disruption" is a major disturbance that causes changes in plans or interrupts an event)

2. What do you think should be the most important job of our government- keeping schools open (for all of the reasons listed in the article and any others you can think of) or protecting people's health? Why?

3. List 3 positive and 3 negative effects of the school closures on you and/or your family.

(1) _____	(1) _____
_____	_____
(2) _____	(2) _____
_____	_____
(3) _____	(3) _____
_____	_____

4. Can you think of at least one way you can manage each negative effect to turn it into a positive?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

5. Is it fair for a school district to decide against online learning for all students because some students don't have a laptop or access to the internet? (circle your answer) **FAIR** **UNFAIR**

6. Why?

7. What are some options proposed by the article to fight COVID-19 *other than* closing schools?

8. Do you think any of these other options would work? Which ones? Why? Why not?
