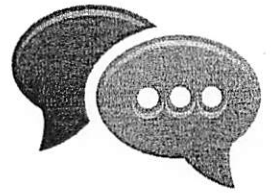


# Is an extended school day the right choice for middle school students?

## Debating the Issue



### I. Get ready...

Pick one of these positions (or create your own).

**A** Schools are fine as they are now. We do not need a radical change.

**B** Schools need to be improved, but extending the school day is not the answer. First, schools should find a way to make improvements with the amount of time they already have.

**C** Schools in the United States should have an extended day and classes on Saturdays, if that is what is necessary for students to attain the skills necessary to compete in our global economy.

**D** Schools should have an extended day so students can either attain grade-level skills or start working on higher level skills. Most students just hang out after school. Extending the school day would help kids make better use of their time.

**E** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# GO!

Be a strong participant by using phrases like these.

*In my experience . . .*

*that's similar to what I think too...*

*What makes you think that?*

*When I re-read the text, it reminded me...*

### 2. Get set...

Be ready to provide evidence to back up your position during your class discussion or debate. Jot down a few quick notes:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_