

Match the year to the correct description. Check your answers with page 7 of the book.

<b>1</b>	<b>1957</b>
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Most U.S. students are assigned internet-based homework. This has caused a "Homework Gap," because many students do not have internet at home.

<b>2</b>	<b>1930</b>
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The U.S. government publishes *A Nation at Risk*. This report raises concerns about mediocre performance in schools and calls for an increase in homework.

<b>3</b>	<b>2018</b>
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The Soviet Union launches the *Sputnik 1* satellite. The United States is concerned about losing the Cold War, and the pro-homework movement gains support.

<b>4</b>	<b>2000</b>
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Students take the first international PISA test. Finland, which assigns less homework than the United States, receives higher scores than any other Western country.

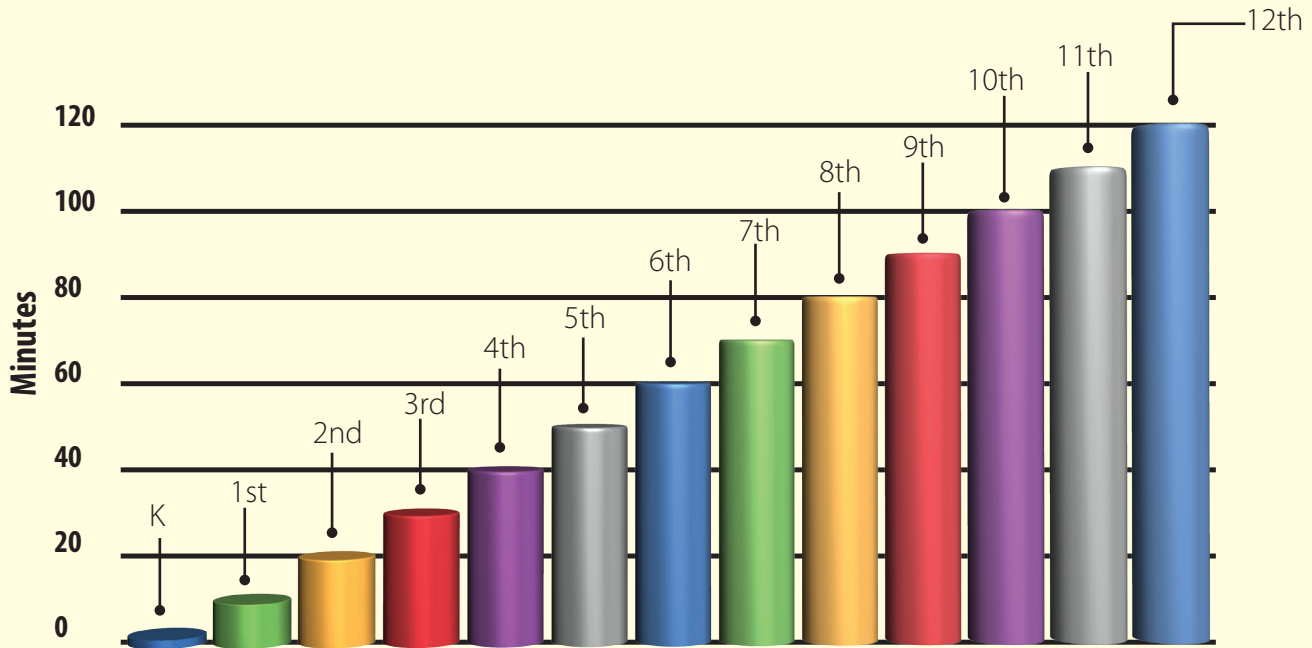
<b>5</b>	<b>1897</b>
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Joseph Mayer Rice, a pediatrician in New York, argues that "mechanical" homework is harmful to children's health.

<b>6</b>	<b>1983</b>
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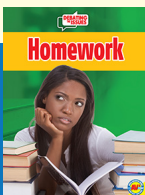
U.S. professor James B. Nash publishes a research summary in which he calls homework "legalized criminality."

The National Parent Teacher Association in the United States recommends giving Grade 1 students no more than 10 to 20 minutes of daily homework. Students in higher grades can be asked to complete an additional 10 minutes per grade.



**Daily homework time recommended per grade level  
(per the National Parent Teacher Association)**

Keep track of how much time you spend doing homework each night for a week. Compare your results with the graph above. Are you doing more, less, or the same amount of homework? How would doing more homework affect you and your grades? What effect would less homework have? Record your responses in the space below.

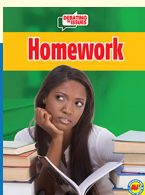


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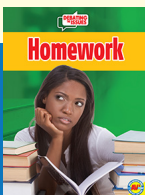
People have many different opinions about homework. Using information found in the book and online, briefly identify and explain the arguments used in favor of and against homework.

State which opinion you agree with and why.



Using the information in *Homework*, verify whether the following information is true or false. Check your answers in the book. List the page number where you found your information beside your answer.

Statement 1	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">John Dewey thought children should practice memorizing facts instead of critical thinking.</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px;"></div>
Statement 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Art homework strengthens the right side of the brain. Math homework strengthens the left.</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px;"></div>
Statement 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Science tells us that the brain can absorb only ten to fifteen new pieces of information at a time.</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px;"></div>
Statement 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Math is the most commonly assigned homework.</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px;"></div>
Statement 5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">When students have large amounts of homework, they spend less time with family.</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px;"></div>

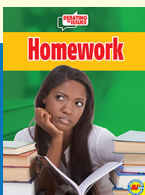


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Using the information in *Homework*, select an answer from the right and write the letter in the box beside the statement.

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| 1. About this percentage of U.S. teachers assign homework that requires internet access.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A. 3</b>      |
| 2. In Finland, students younger than this age rarely have homework.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B. 70</b>     |
| 3. In 2017, more than this many Harvard University students in a computer science course were suspected of cheating. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C. 12,000</b> |
| 4. Nearly one in this many U.S. students will not graduate high school.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D. 22</b>     |
| 5. Every year, the United States spends about this many dollars on each student's education.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>E. 5</b>      |
| 6. One in this many U.S. high school students admits to using technology to cheat.                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>F. 60</b>     |
| 7. In one survey, this percentage of 13-year-olds reported that they never or hardly ever read for pleasure.         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>G. 13</b>     |



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**1** When did the U.S. Congress create a law to support standardized testing?

**2** Which subject is most commonly assigned as homework?

**3** What non-academic skills does homework teach students?

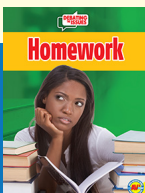
**4** Which side of the brain does art homework strengthen?

**5** How many new pieces of information can the brain absorb at a time?

**6** What kind of health problems can too much homework cause?

**7** What is a flipped classroom?

**8** In which country do students younger than 13 rarely have homework?



Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

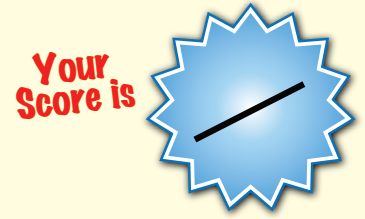
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anxiety  
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Cold War  
correlation  
inequitable

intrinsic motivation  
leisure  
PISA  
procrastinate  
repetition  
standardized testing



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- the politically tense relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union after World War II
- unfair or not equal
- having to do with school or school work
- free time
- to put off doing something
- the freedom to make decisions and take on responsibility
- doing something over and over
- a worldwide survey that tests fifteen-year-olds on a range of subjects
- tests that are designed to compare students' knowledge and skill levels
- a relationship between one thing and another
- a desire to act that is based on personal goals instead of rewards given by other people
- a feeling of extreme worry or nervousness

