

## Reading and Knowledge Book 2

### Debate Questions\*

*\*Each question below has been written to promote thinking in students and serve as the basis for classroom discussion or debate. Instructors are more than welcome to edit any question if needed. Students should give each question a lot of thought and be thorough with their explanations in order to prepare themselves for classroom discussion or debate.*

#### Unit 1 | The American Civil War

1. Can war be avoided? If so, what is a better solution?

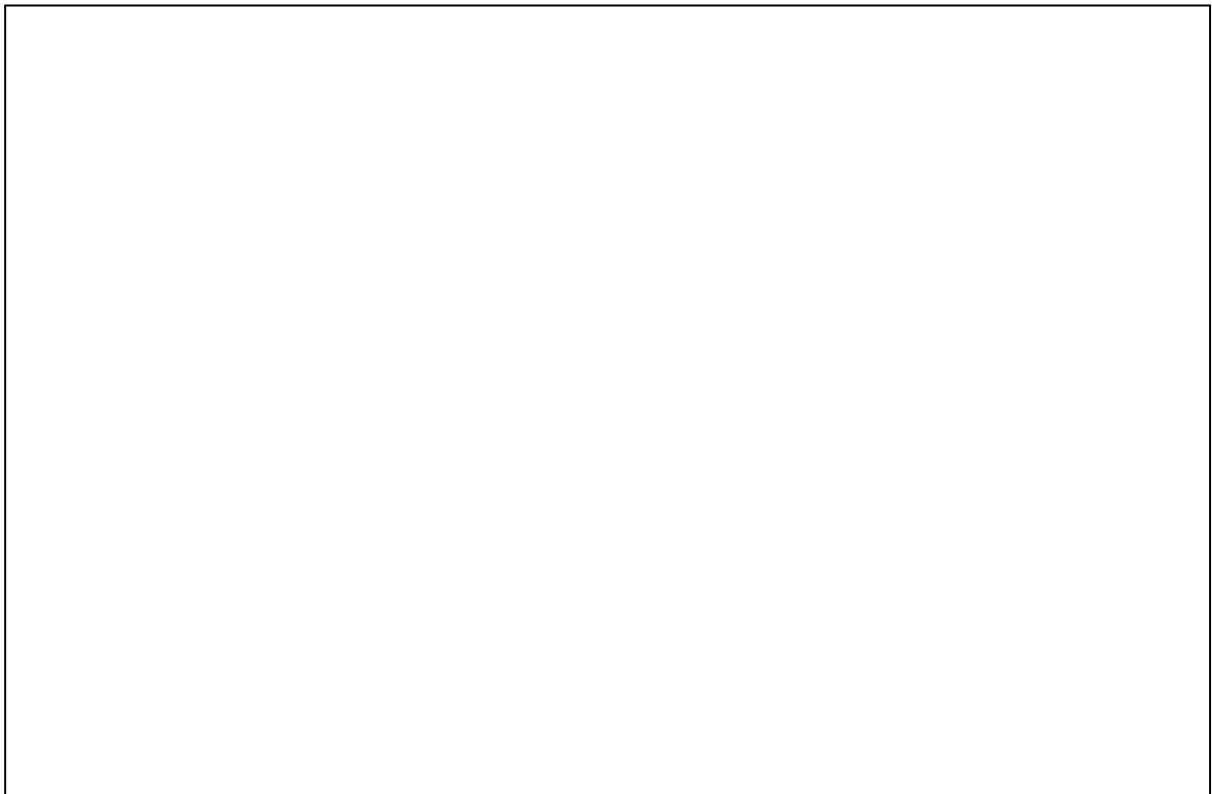
2. What is the main cause of modern-day slavery?

## Unit 2 | Oxygen

1. What is the most amazing bodily process?



2. What is the best way to reduce air pollution?



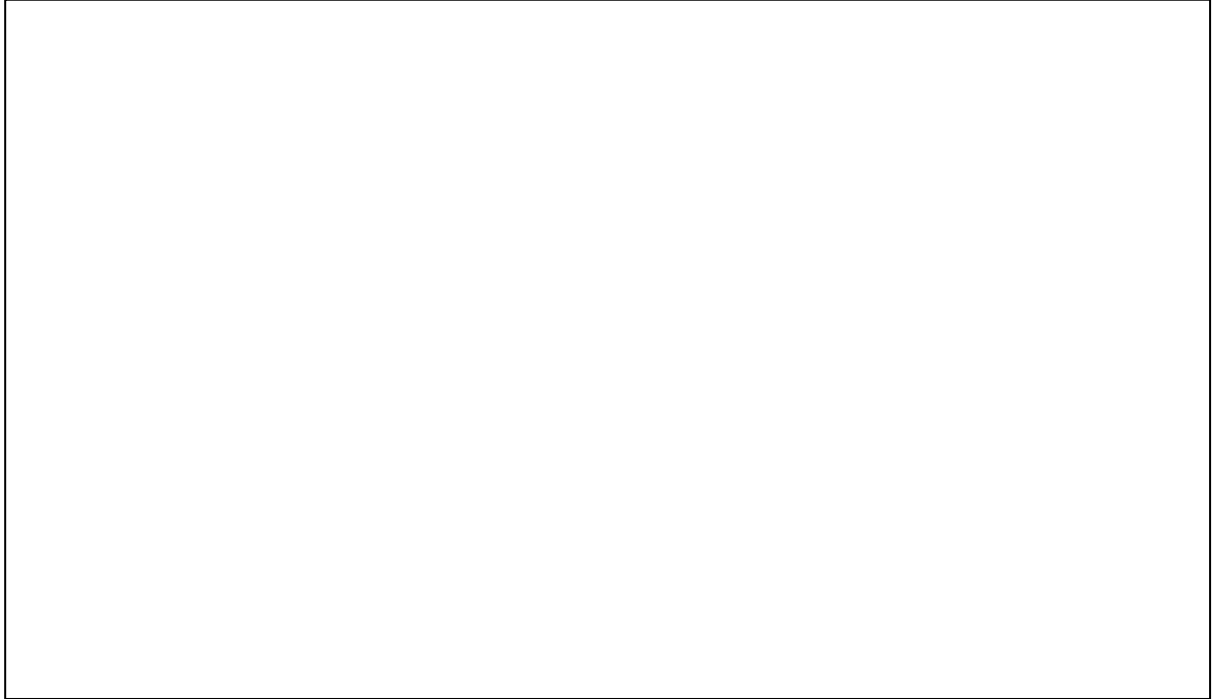
## Unit 3 | Our Solar System

1. Is there life outside our solar system?

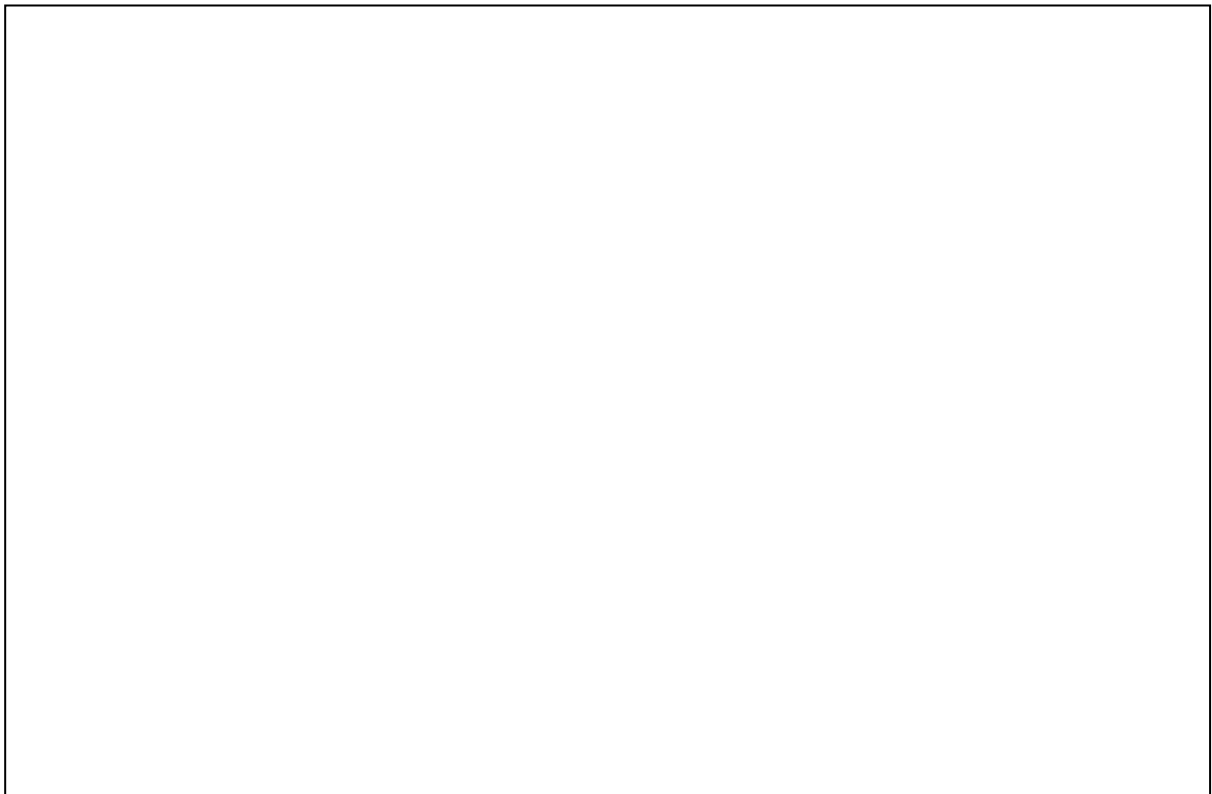
2. Are NASA and its programs a waste of money?

## Unit 4 | Blood Type and Character

1. Can blood type really tell us what a person is like?

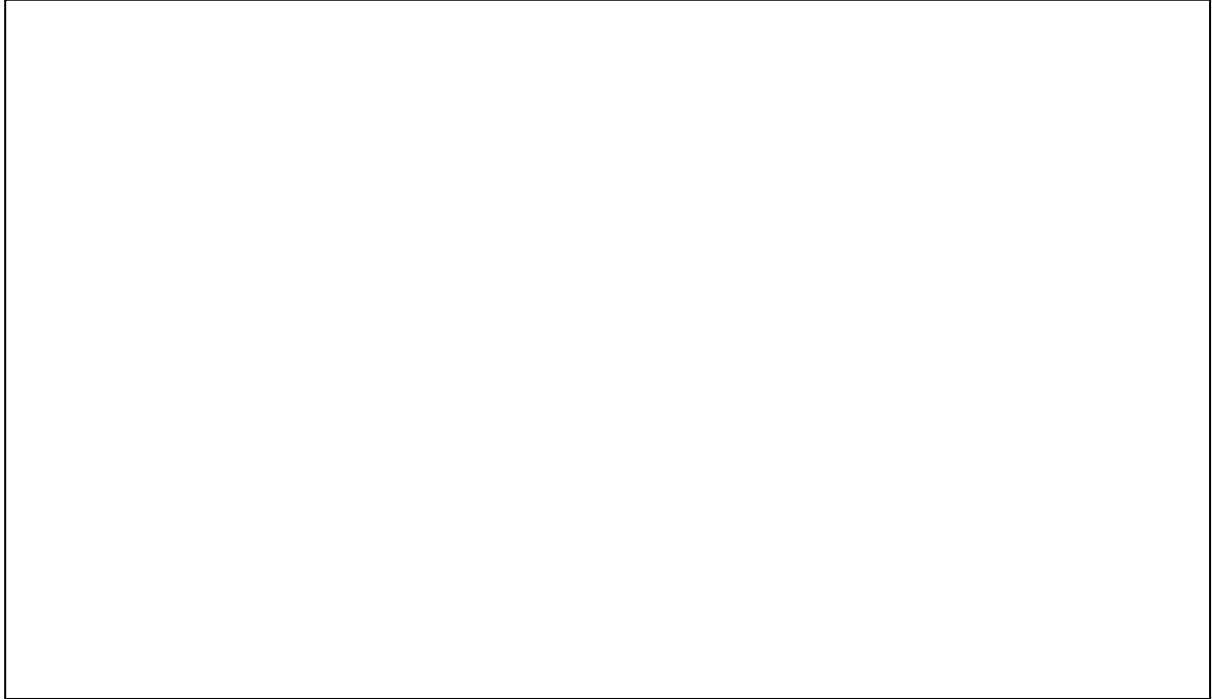


2. Does acupuncture actually work? Is it an effective form of medicine?

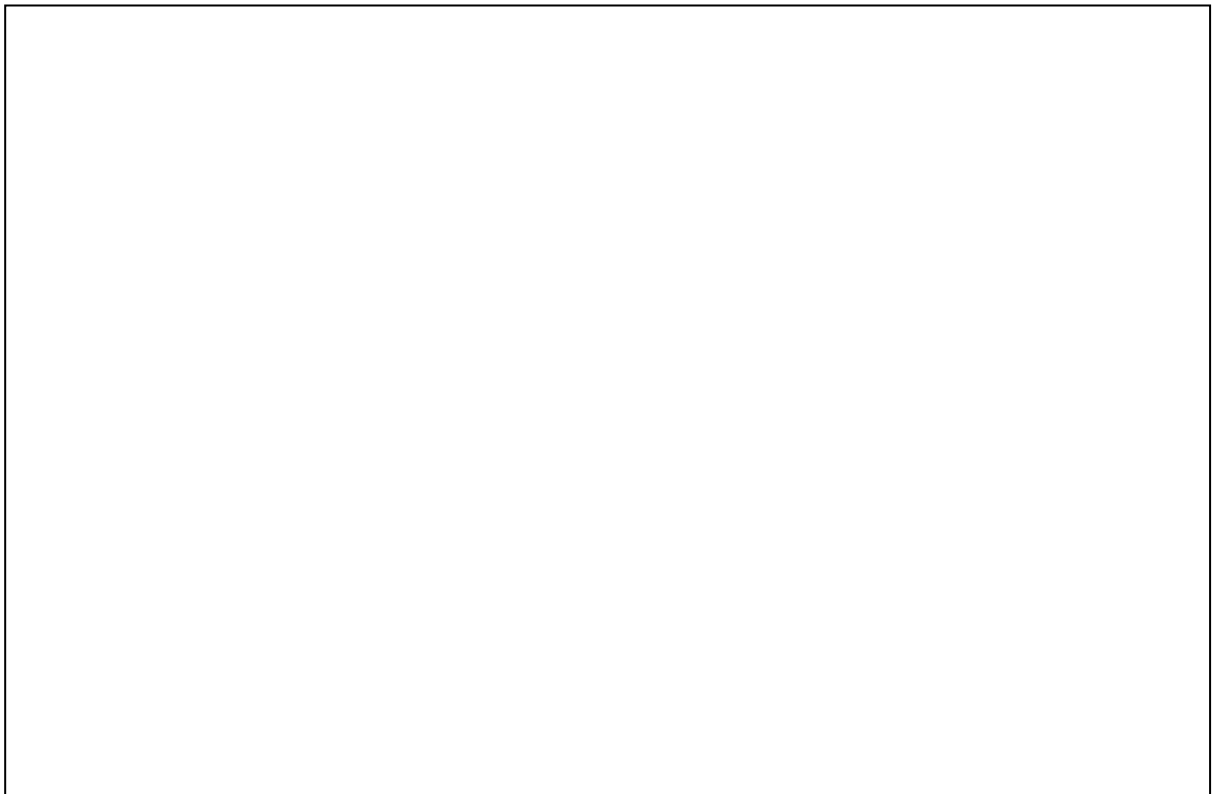


## Unit 5 | Disappearing Languages

1. Would the world be a better place with more languages?



2. Is English an important language to learn?



## Unit 6 | An American Sporting Legend

1. Is Jim Thorpe the greatest athlete ever?

2. Will the world ever see the end of racism?

## Unit 7 | American Freedom

1. Are American citizens really free?

2. Should guns be made illegal in America?

## Unit 8 | Confucianism

1. Is family the most important thing in your life?

2. What kind of government is best for a country?



## Unit 9 | Wedding Ceremonies

1. Why do people marry? Is getting married important?

2. Why are a lot of people around the world superstitious?

## Unit 10 | The Beatles

1. Are popular celebrity singers good role models for children?

2. What are some bad things about being famous?

## Unit 11 | Wall Street

1. How is greed related to Wall Street?

2. How important should money be to a person's life?

## Unit 12 | Social Media

1. Is the world a better place overall because of social media?

2. How important is it to protect the privacy of social media users?

## Unit 13 | Famine

1. What is the best way to help countries suffering from famine?

2. How can citizens help to make their government better?

## Unit 14 | The Great Wall of China

1. What is the great man-made structure made in the last five years?

2. Is the Ancient Astronaut Theory true?

## Unit 15 | Dangerous Foods

1. Why do people take risks by eating dangerous foods?

2. Should the sale of cigarettes be banned?

## Unit 16 | Cambridge University

1. Is graduating from a top university important?

2. How important is it to get a college education?



## Unit 17 | Nelson Mandela

1. Which of Nelson Mandela's qualities is most inspiring?



2. What are the top two qualities every great leader should have?



## Unit 18 | The Oscars

1. Who should decide who wins an Oscar award?

2. Are movie ticket prices too high?

## Unit 19 | Branding

1. Why is marketing important to the success of a company?

2. Why do some companies use sweatshops to make their goods?

## Unit 20 | The Wright Brothers

1. Do the Wright brothers deserve all the credit they get?

2. Is flying on an airplane dangerous?