

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 | Holocaust

1. Why do you think people like Hitler come into the world?

2. What can be done to avoid events like the Holocaust?

Unit 2 | Evolution vs. Creationism

1. Why do different people believe in different things?

2. Should creationism be taught in schools?

Unit 3 | All Kinds of Weather

1. How does weather affect mood?

2. Does weather affect the development of a civilization?

Unit 4 | Placebo Effect

1. Is the placebo effect real? If so, how does it work?

2. How can research on the placebo effect help make people's lives better?

Unit 5 | Written and Oral Language

1. How does the use of informal language affect people?

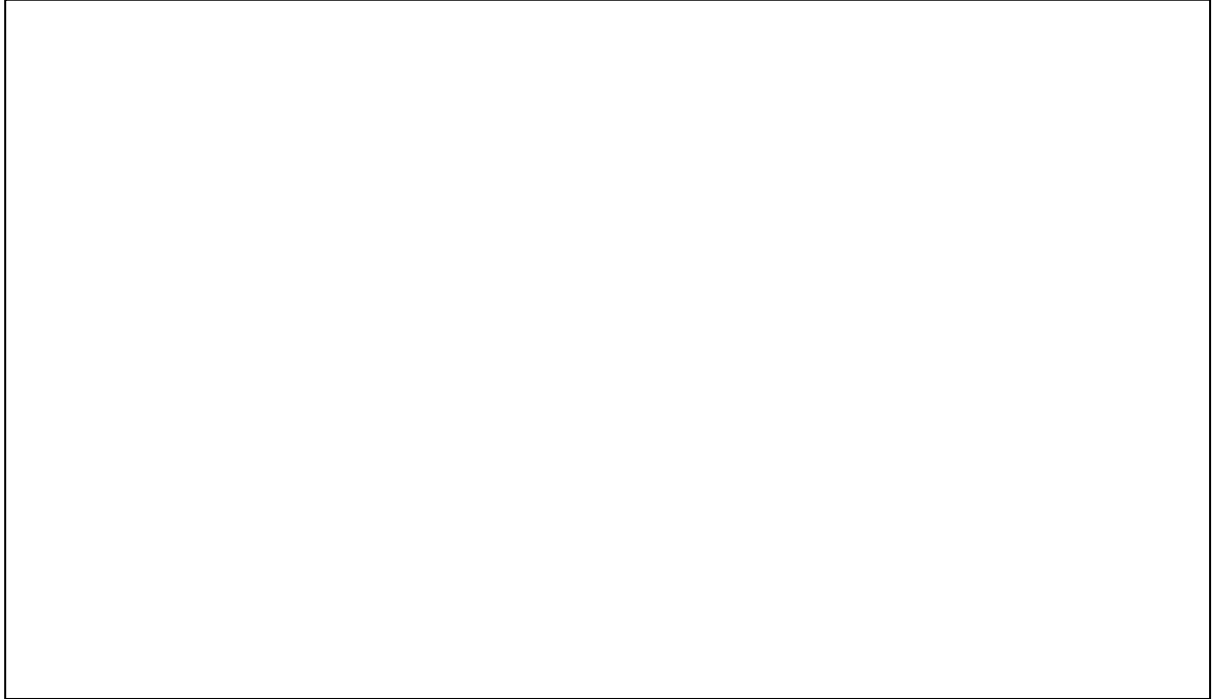


2. Why is language constantly changing?

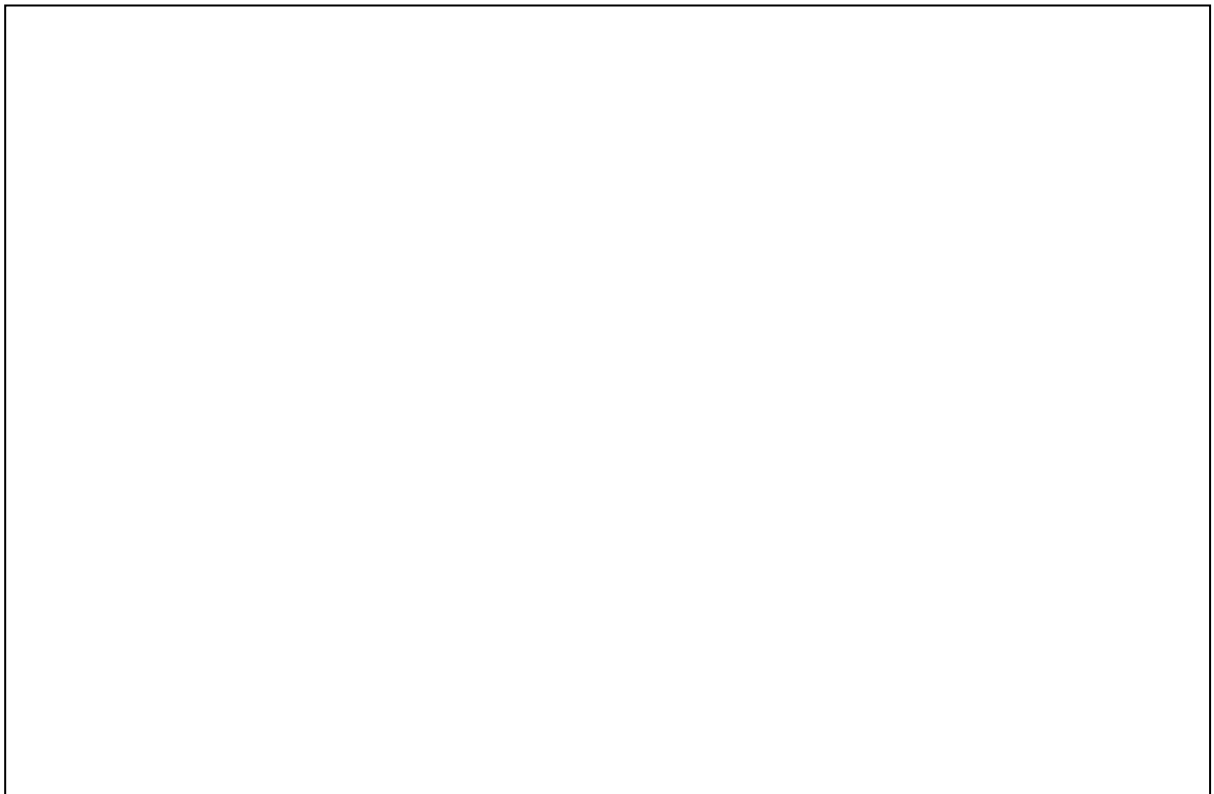


Unit 6 | Michael Jordan

1. Is Michael Jordan the greatest basketball player of all time?



2. How is failure important to a person's life?



Unit 7 | President and Congress

1. Who is the greatest president of all time?

2. How long should a president's term in office be?

Unit 8 | What Do Philosophers Do?

1. How does philosophy help make the world a better place?

2. Is philosophy a science?

Unit 9 | Culture and Religion

1. How does religion affect a culture?

2. How does a person's upbringing affect the way they think?

Unit 10 | Art Investment

1. Is investing in art a good idea?

2. Would you sell your expensive painting to a group of criminals?

Unit 11 | Free Trade Agreement

1. What are some bad things about free trade agreements?

2. Who benefits most from a free trade agreement?

Unit 12 | Ubiquitous Computing

1. Is ubiquitous computing a good thing for the future?

2. How much technology is too much?

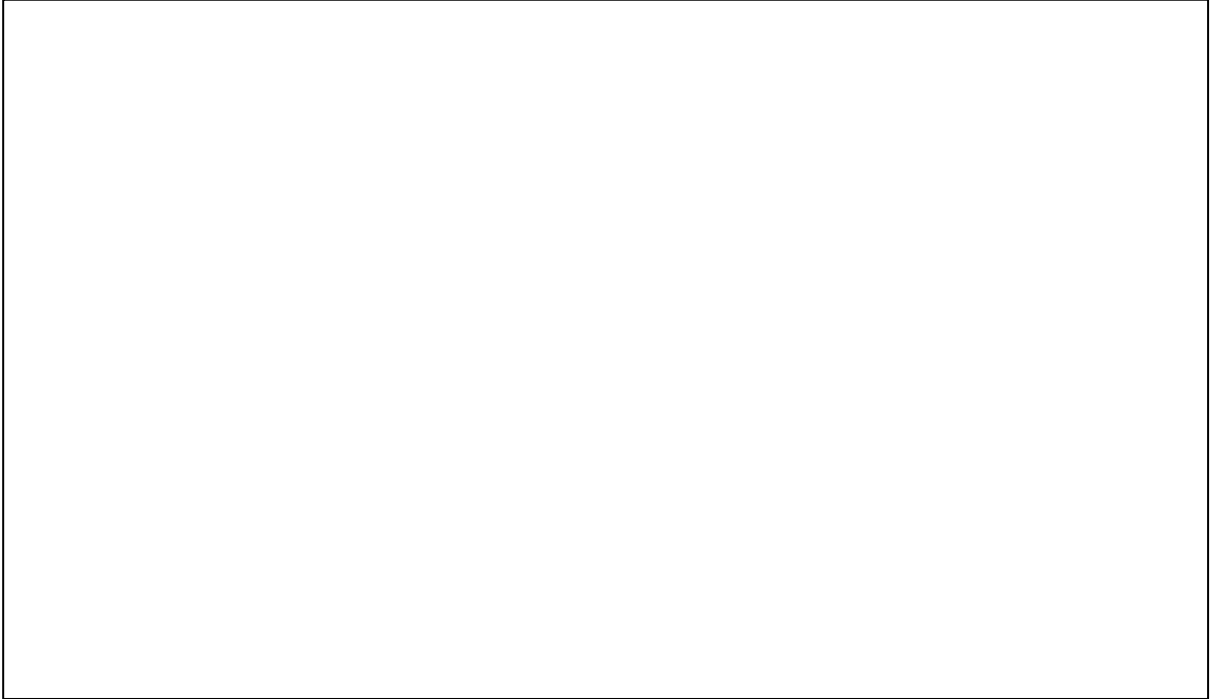
Unit 13 | Oil Shock

1. Are gas prices too high right now?


2. Will the world ever run out of petroleum?

Unit 14 | Stonehenge

1. What is the most amazing thing about Stonehenge?

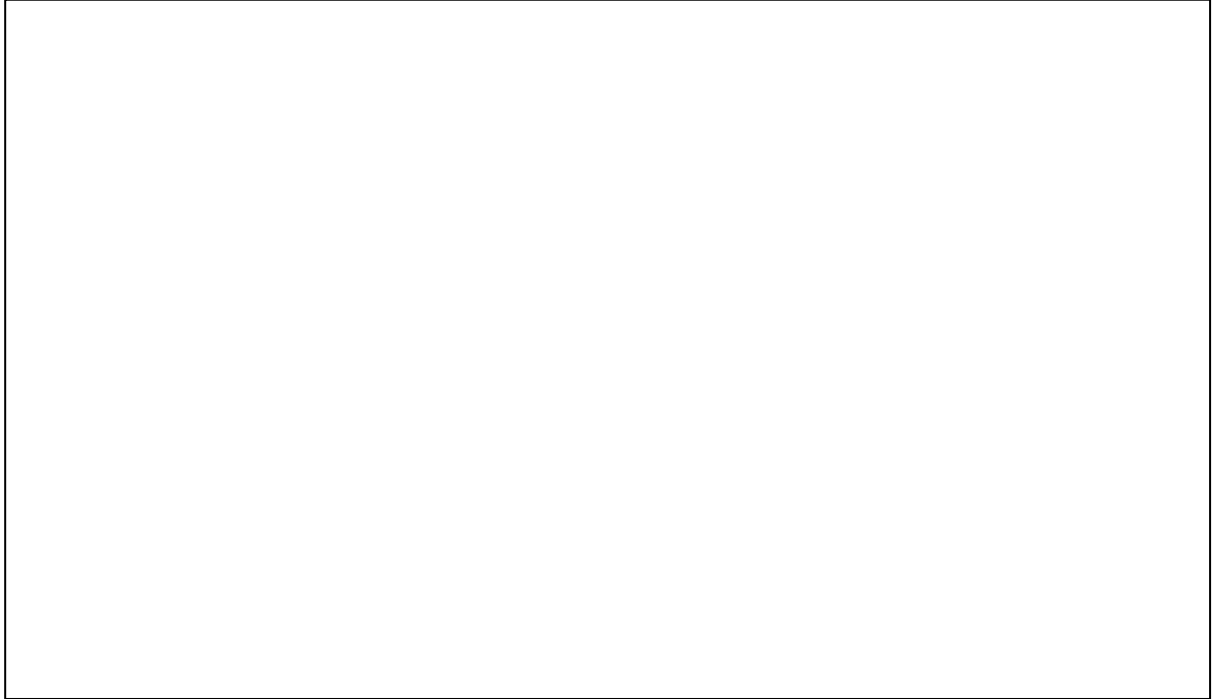


2. Why would you build a structure like Stonehenge?

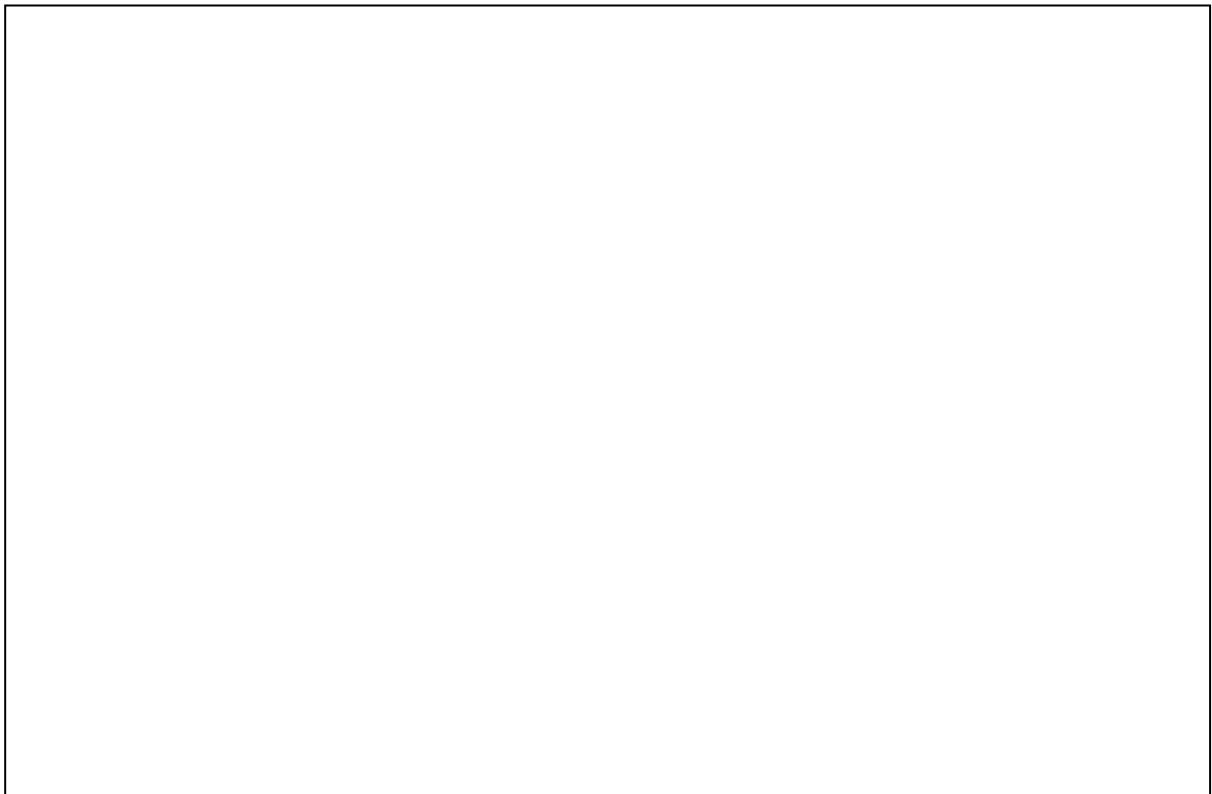


Unit 15 | Spicy Food and Health

1. Is moderation really the key for everything?



2. Why do people tend to go overboard with certain things?



Unit 16 | Education

1. For whom is education most important?



2. How much education is too much?



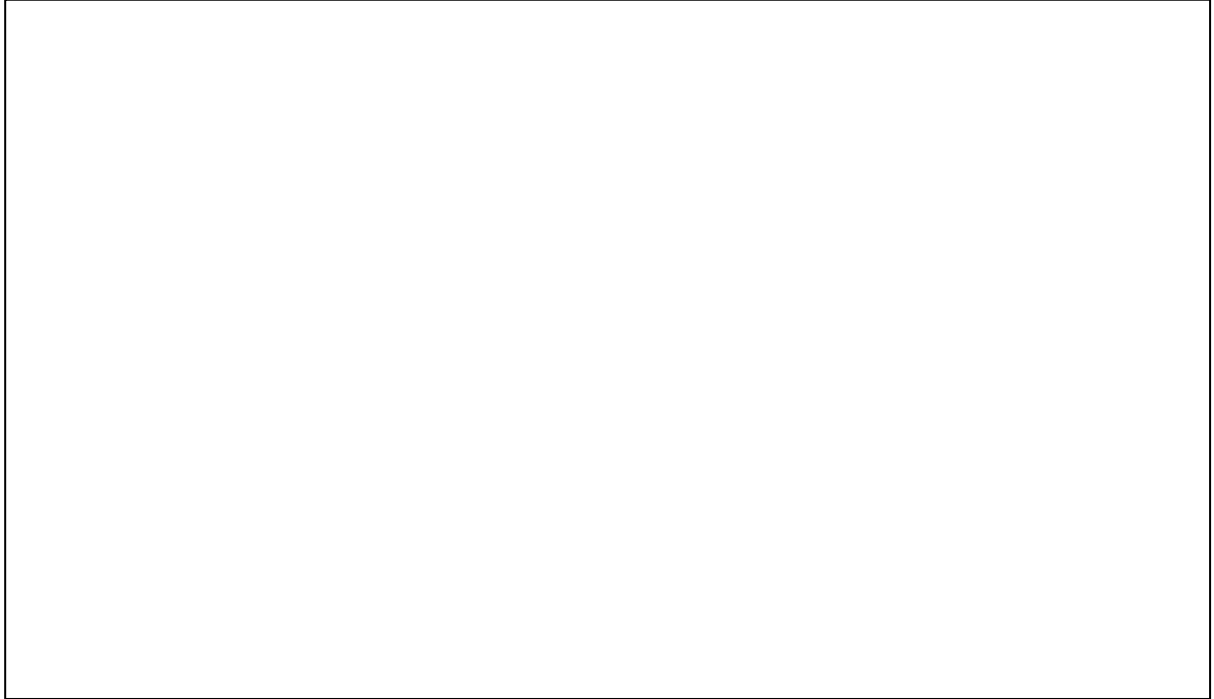
Unit 17 | Ki-Moon Ban

1. What kind of person would be the best UN Secretary-General?

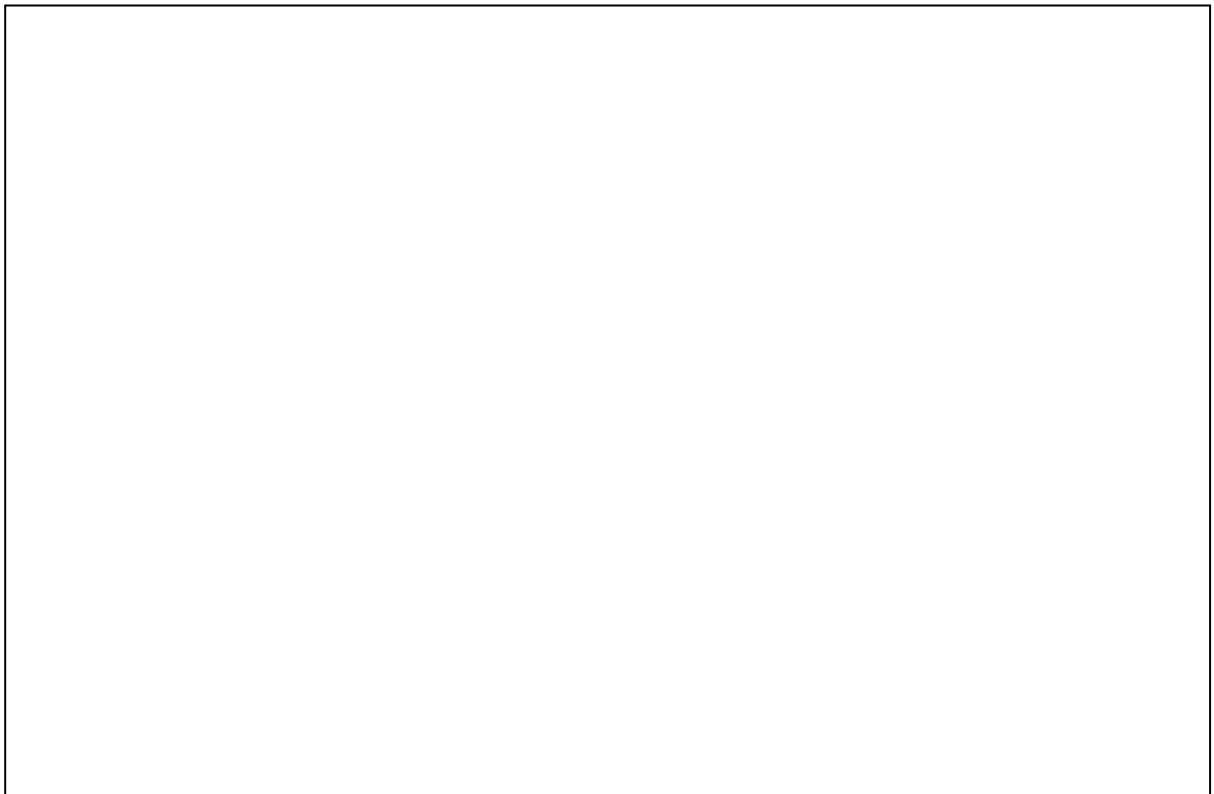
2. What is the best way to choose a career path?

Unit 18 | Hip Hop Culture

1. How does hip hop music negatively influence younger people?



2. How did hip hop become such a global phenomenon?



Unit 19 | Entrepreneurs

1. Who is the greatest entrepreneur of all time?

2. How important is a college education for a future entrepreneur?

Unit 20 | Paper

1. How important was the invention of paper?

2. Why do you think the Chinese kept their papermaking skills a secret?