

2025-26 STOSSEL IN THE CLASSROOM

AI CHALLENGE TOPICS & PROMPTS

TOPIC 1: Exploring Tariffs: Who Really Pays?

Tariffs—taxes on imported goods—have supporters and critics. Some say they protect local jobs, while others argue they raise prices and hurt consumers.

Your task: Ask the AI to help you explore both the benefits and downsides of tariffs. Push it with devil’s advocate questions. For example, if it says tariffs save jobs, ask: Who might disagree, and why? If it says they hurt consumers, ask: What about protecting industries from unfair competition? **Don’t forget to request and review the AI’s sources.**

Your goal: Uncover the trade-offs and think critically about who really pays the price when tariffs are used.

Recommended Videos:

- [The Trouble with Tariffs](#)
 - [Will Tariffs Hurt America?](#)
 - [Both Sides: The Impact of Tariffs](#)
 - [Both Sides: Tariffs Revisited](#)
 - [Both Sides: Digging Deeper on Tariffs](#)
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TOPIC 2: The Debate Over Birthright Citizenship

Under the current interpretation of the 14th Amendment, anyone born on U.S. soil is automatically a U.S. citizen, regardless of their parents’ immigration status. This principle, known as birthright citizenship, has been widely accepted for more than a century, but it remains debated today.

Your task: Use AI to explore different perspectives on what the authors of the 14th Amendment intended and how the principle is applied today. Ask the AI to explain arguments for keeping birthright citizenship as it is, then push back: What do critics argue? What evidence supports or weakens each side? **Don’t forget to request and review the AI’s sources.**

Your goal: Test whether the AI can help you think through the legal, historical, and practical consequences—and notice if it introduces bias or misses key perspectives.

Recommended Videos:

- [Both Sides: Birthright Citizenship](#)
- [Both Sides: Birthright Citizenship Revisited](#)

TOPIC 3: Should Congress Have Term Limits?

Members of Congress can be re-elected indefinitely. Some argue term limits prevent career politicians and corruption, while others say elections already let voters decide.

Your task: Ask the AI to explain both sides, then push harder: Would term limits really reduce corruption? Could they create new problems? What do critics say about losing experienced lawmakers? **Don't forget to request and review the AI's sources.**

Your goal: Explore how term limits might change the way Congress works — and whether they would make government better or worse.

Recommended Videos:

- [Both Sides: Term Limits](#)
- [U.S. Term Limits](#)