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Comprehensive Argument Map List of Commonplaces and Issues

Commonplaces:

Essential:

- iPad/tablets can be used as study tools
- iPad/tablets help prepare students for Common Core testing – to include math and reading comprehension skills

Non-essential:

- Students having tablets puts the power of the internet at their fingertips
- Tablets offer the ability to read course material without carrying around heavy textbooks

Issues:

Essential:

- iPads/tablets are a beneficial supplemental tool to support learning
 - iPads/tablets could leave students without basic skills such as note-taking or recalling information for tests
- The long-term benefits of using tablets in the classroom far outweigh any downfalls
 - The cons of having tablets in the classroom far outweigh the pros for both students and teachers
- Although the amount of money spent upfront on equipping students with iPads/tablets is expensive, using these tools will save money in the long run
 - Money should be used in much-needed areas such as teacher salary increases, building improvements, new textbooks, updated computer labs and after-school study programs.

Non-essential:

- Students will learn much-needed skills to work in today's workforce
 - There is no guarantee that tablets would be put to good use and students may rely too heavily on the technology for information rather than actually learning and attaining information.