Socratic Dialogue Scenarios

**Role 1:** Questioner (Socrates)

**Role 2:** Farmer

**Farmer’s argument:** Every citizen should be allowed to vote and have a say in his or her government

**Role 1:** Questioner (daughter/son)

**Role 2:** Parent

**Parent’s Argument:** 14 and 15 year-olds should not be allowed to see R rated movies

**Role 1:** Questioner (Socrates)

**Role 2:** Businessman

**Businessman’s Argument**: A person’s monetary wealth determines a person’s value to a society

**Role 1**: Questioner (student)

**Role 2**: Teacher

**Teacher’s Argument**: A unit test is the only way to know if you are a smart student

**Role 1**: Questioner (Socrates)

**Role 2**: Ithacan King

**King’s Argument**: A Monarchy, or the rule of a nation by a King or Queen, by is the most effective and just form of government

**Role 1:** Questioner (student)

**Role 2:** Friend

**Friend’s Argument:** It’s a friend’s responsibility to buy me balloons and candy on my birthday

**Role 1**: Questioner (Socrates)

**Role 2**: Artist

**Artist’s Argument**: Art can only be called beautiful if it looks like the real world as much as possible.

**Role 1:** Questioner (student)

**Role 2:** Principle

**Principles Argument**: Students should never be allowed to listen to music (with ear buds) at any point during the school day