

# Debate whether the Earth is flat



It is harder than it seems to argue against certain things such as:

The Earth is flat.

Neil Armstrong did not land on the moon.

Planets and the Sun orbit the Earth instead of the Sun.

So it might be fun to examine arguments by Flat Earthers etc and express them to the students for them to refute. Many arguments are surprisingly hard to argue against such as the photos from space. They (plus moon landing ones) were made up. After a debate, then give them reasons each assertion is not supported by observations.



Perhaps wear sign saying you are a Flat Earther or an outsider could argue via zoom against students that the Earth is flat.

This is more than a diversion from serious astronomy. This experience sharpens the students' ability to discuss issues like this in a convincing way. In future they might get into similar debates on other topics. People who follow flat earth arguments often end up following other conspiracy theories.

<https://www.livescience.com/24310-flat-earth-belief.html> gives arguments.