

DEBATE: Is Cryptocurrency a Wise Investment Strategy?

Cryptocurrency has been around for over a decade, but the debate hasn't cooled. Is it the future of money or just a risky bet? Some see big profits. Others see big risks. Your job: Dig into both positions. Then decide:

Is cryptocurrency a wise investment strategy?

Part I: Understand the Arguments

1. Read at least one article below that highlights reasons to invest in crypto and reasons to be cautious. Use the chart to track key points from both positions. Be sure to include the sources for your information so that you can use them in the debate.

Position: Cryptocurrency IS a wise investment strategy

- [Why Should Anyone Invest in Crypto?](#)
- [The case for bitcoin in Main Street investment portfolios](#)

Position: Cryptocurrency is NOT a wise investment strategy

- [Is Crypto Sketchy? Here's What To Know Before You Invest](#)
- [Protecting the American public from crypto risks and harms](#)

Data to support either position

- [Investing in Crypto: Pros, Cons and Whether It's a Good Bet Right Now](#)
- [Cryptocurrency Basics: Pros, Cons and How It Works](#)

YES, cryptocurrency is a wise investment strategy	NO, cryptocurrency is not a wise investment strategy

Part II: Choose a Position & Find Additional Resources

2. Which position do you agree with?
 - ☐ **Yes, cryptocurrency is a wise investment strategy**
 - ☐ **No, cryptocurrency is NOT a wise investment strategy**
3. Find at least three more reliable sources online that support your position. List them in the box below.

Additional Resources	

Part III: Develop Your Argument

4. List three high quality, hard-to-argue points that support your position. Be sure that they are clear, specific, and persuasive. Then, rank them in order from most to least persuasive.

Point to Support Your Position	Rank

5. Now, try to anticipate at least **two** points your opponents will make and write a strong rebuttal to discredit their argument.

Counterclaim: What might your opponent say?	Rebuttal: Why is your opponent wrong?

Part IV: Debate!

6. Follow your teacher's instruction for the debate format and rules of engagement.

Part V: Reflection

Now that you've heard both positions, take a moment to reflect.

7. What is your final position on this topic? Is cryptocurrency a wise investment strategy? Why or why not?