

# #OJENROEJFA2023

## OJEN's Fall 2023 TwitterX Moot

### Teacher's Guide

#### About the OJEN TwitterX Moot

The OJEN TwitterX Moot is an online debate. Students from across Ontario participate in the discussion by posting their opinions either individually or in teams/classes. The [OJEN committee in Hamilton](#) came up with this fun and engaging justice education initiative for Hamilton-area schools.

The TwitterX Moot offers students a fun opportunity to learn about an important and contentious legal issue. This spring, the OJEN TwitterX Moot will take place on **Wednesday, November 22, 2023, from 9 am to 3 pm**, Ontario students will debate:

#### Can in-person workplace policies be unconstitutional?

#### How do students participate?

Students need a Twitter (now also known as X) account to participate and a supervising teacher who registers them. OJEN will publish the TwitterX Moot resources on its website the week of **Friday, October 27, 2023**. Teachers register for this program anytime up until **Wednesday, November 15, 2023**. By **Tuesday, November 21, 2023**, they must provide a list of user handles that their students plan to use on the day of the TwitterX Moot.

Students can create an individual Twitter (X) account, a team account or a class account. OJEN will only repost and recognize handles which are provided to us by a teacher. We encourage teachers to use the TwitterX Moot as an in-class activity, but students can participate in the event as an extra-curricular activity, if they have a supervising teacher who registers them.

On **Wednesday, November 22, 2023 from 9 am to 3 pm**, students post their thoughts and comments on Twitter (X) using the hashtag **#OJENROEJFA23** and mentioning **@OJEN\_ROEJ**. Teachers can stream the debate in class by using a Smartboard/projector, or students can monitor and participate in the debate by checking out the **#OJENROEJFA23** hashtag throughout the day. The hashtag allows everyone to see posts from other students and teams and encourages a province-wide discussion.

On **November 29, 2023**, OJEN will select two winners, one based on the most persuasive post and the other based on overall contribution.

Important TwitterX Moot Dates	
November 15	Registration closes
November 21	Deadline to submit TwitterX handles of participating students to eokungbowa@ojen.ca
November 22	TwitterX Moot takes place from 9 am - 3 pm
November 29	OJEN announces winners of the TwitterX Moot

## TwitterX Moot resources

- In addition to this Teacher's Guide, OJEN has a [TwitterX Basics](#) handout that walks participants through setting up a new TwitterX account.
- We have a [list of suggested resources](#) that will help students form their opinions on the TwitterX Moot topic.

## Ground rules for participating in the TwitterX Moot

- Use the hashtag **#OJENROEJFA23** and mention **@OJEN\_ROEJ** to include a post in the moot. We will not consider any posts that do not include this information.
- Students can participate on their own or as part of a team/class.
- All students or teams must create a Twitter (X) account and provide their handle to their teacher.
- Individual students or teams must be "registered" with their teacher in order to participate.
- OJEN will only repost from user handles that we recognize as TwitterX Moot participants.
- Twitter (X) accounts must be set to open, not "protected", or we won't be able to view the posts.
- At any time between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., post away!

## Sample post

*In-person policies violate peoples' right to security!*  
#OJENROEJFA23 @OJEN\_ROEJ

#OJENROEJFA23 identifies that this post is part of the TwitterX Moot. Mentioning @OJEN\_ROEJ allows OJEN staff to repost and profile arguments.

## Some tips to consider

- You may want students to do their own research
- On the TwitterX moot date, consider hosting a live feed to display the ongoing moot posts – using a Smartboard, or computer and projector
  - Teachers can stream either [OJEN's Twitter \(X\) account](#) or the [TwitterX Moot hashtag](#). No Twitter (X) account is required to do this, but teachers may want to create their accounts to participate themselves.
  - Watch the #OJENROEJFA23 hashtag stream to respond to as many post submissions as possible!
- Encourage students to answer the question themselves and to interact with others' posts through replies, re-posts, and favourites.
- Explain to students that when awarding prizes, we are looking for posts and activity that demonstrate outstanding insight, reflection, creativity, and use of examples.

## Misuse of the TwitterX Moot platform

The TwitterX Moot is intended to be a fun, engaging debate of important legal issues. Cyberbullying or misuse of this forum in any way will not be tolerated. If we notice malicious activity coming from any of the registered student accounts, we will report this activity to the teacher responsible for that student.

## Announcing the winners

We will be monitoring the posts and keeping track of the best submissions. By Wednesday, November 29, OJEN will announce via Twitter (X) the winners of the most persuasive post and most engaged poster awards. We will also contact the teachers of these winning students via email. The prizes will depend on whether the winners are individual students or a whole class.

**Thank you for your participation. We wish everyone good luck!**