

Persuasive Extemporaneous Questions

Objective:

You may be asked to advocate for an important position in education. Education is a hot button issue in politics. And you may need to advocate for a position that means meaningful change to you, your colleagues, parents, and most important, students. How do you put together a meaningful speech that is persuasive and poignant? This assignment allows you to practice those skills.

Assignment Details:

1. Prepare an 8–10-minute speech on one of the following topics attached. If you have a topic of your own let me know and we will incorporate that topic. The goal is to find a topic that you are passionate about.
2. Answer the question by providing 3 reasons why you believe that we should agree with the statement or 3 reasons why we should disagree with the statement.
3. In the introduction there should be a statement saying, “I am here to convince you to agree or disagree.... And then provide 3 reasons why.
4. More points for unique answers and answers that use primary sources, such as books, journal articles, or first-hand interviews.

Extemporaneous Questions:

1. After considering the power or influence of both sides of a question, American schools are safer today than they were five years ago.
2. Colleges need to do more to help students mental health conditions.
3. It is reasonable that United States can eliminate college debt.
4. Department of Education should loosen regulations on for-profit colleges.
5. United States schools should do more to make a safe space for LGBTQ students.
6. More restrictions should be placed on the availability of federal student loans.
7. More U.S. schools should examine alternatives to suspension.
8. Cities have the legal right to take custody of homeless peoples.

9. American universities need to play an encouraging role in entrepreneurship.
10. Just like community service is required for graduation, U.S. schools should make participation in sports required for graduation.
11. America will not witness the growth of charter schools over the next decade.
12. Teacher strikes are counterproductive.
13. American universities are failing to effectively confront intellectual and fiscal crises.
14. States have invested enough in their education system.
15. America's public schools needs a better plan to grapple with student activism.
16. Government subsidies in healthcare and education are driving inflation.
17. Public schools should return to more zero tolerance policies to better prevent mass shootings?
18. Public schools should not adopt a zero-tolerance policy to better prevent bullying.
19. Colleges need to recruit more male students.
20. America schools would be safer if teachers were armed.
21. A universal basic income will be an effective way to combat poverty.
22. Public schools can better fight chronic absenteeism.
23. Teacher speech should have more constitutional protection.
24. Parents should not be allowed to sign students up for classes in high school or college.
25. Parents should be required to appear for student conferences

Rubric:

Content being evaluated	value	Received and comments
Must have an introduction with all elements of an introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attention Getter ○ Motivated Audience to Listen ○ Credibility ○ Thesis/Purpose ○ 3 Main reasons signposted 	25 points	
Main Point 1: 2 sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Source 1 ○ Source 2 	10 points	
Main Point 2: 2 sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Source 1 ○ Source 2 	10 points	
Main Point 2: 2 sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Source 1 ○ Source 2 	10 points	
Must have all conclusion elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summarize main points ○ Call back to the thesis/purpose ○ Leaver (call back to the attention getter) 	15 points	
Delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eye contact—attention getter memorized ○ Confidence in verbal and nonverbal language ○ Vocal Variety ○ Message was clear 	20 points	
Spoke within 8-10 minutes	10 points	
Total Points Awarded		