

English 10 – Final Exam Part I/II- **Persuasive Speaking Assessment**

(Persuasive Speeches Begin on Wednesday, May 17th)

Persuasive writing and speaking are often about debatable topics. There will be people who disagree with your position. However, if you have clearly supported your claim with powerful narrative and specific evidence, the reader has no choice but to consider your position valid.

Directions:

Step one – Determine your topic. Complete the project proposal sheet and request the topic of research most interesting to you. Remember, you will be spending weeks with this topic and you will be giving a convincing persuasive speech. Please choose something that truly interests you.

Step two – Prepare to research your topic. Use **two** of the following questions as a guide:

1. What is the historical context and/or significance of the topic? How is it represented in our world and/or community?
2. What is the political context and/or significance of the topic? How is it represented in our world and/or community?
3. What is the economic context and/or significance of the topic? How is it represented in our world and/or community?
4. What is the cultural or social context and/or significance of the topic? How is it represented in our world and/or community?

Step three – Conduct your research. Find or develop four total narratives that support your position on the topic (-- one of the four can be your specific personal example if applicable). For example, find two examples in history to support your position and the subject's significance. Then find two other stories that demonstrate the topic's economic impact.

Step three (*continued*) – Conduct more research, looking for statistics, scientific data, case studies, expert opinions, etc. that support the narratives you uncovered. A minimum of six annotated sources will be submitted for credit.

Step four – Determine the content and the organization of your persuasive speech. Draft your speech exactly how you would want it presented because you may need to refer to it during your speech.

Step five – Create a visual to aid the audience in grasping your perspective. Your visual aids should not be wordy and is no substitute for the speech. You do not want your audience reading; they are busy listening to you open their minds to your position.

Step six – Practice and deliver your prepared persuasive speech.