

Forensics University Limited Preparation Topics Fall 2022

Guidelines for recording:

Impromptu - the student should be given the prompt options on camera, and then the prep time should be recorded and included in their speech video.

Extemp - Prep time should not be recorded or included. The student should be given the prompts, then have 30 minutes of preparation time before beginning recording of their speech.

Elementary Prompts

Impromptu

"It usually takes me more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech." - Mark Twain

"When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor." - Elon Musk

"Mistakes are always forgivable, if one has the courage to admit them." - Bruce Lee

"That which does not kill us makes us stronger." - Friedrich Nietzsche

Middle School Prompts

Impromptu

"To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong." – Joseph Chilton Pearce

"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop." - Confucius

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." - Charles R. Swindoll

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." - Eleanor Roosevelt

Extemp

What actions should we be taking to help the environment?

What can we expect from the upcoming midterm elections?

Should the United States be changing its strategy in the Russia-Ukraine war?

In light of increasing attacks on Jewish people, what can be done to make all religious people safer?

High School Prompts

Impromptu

“I've been struck by how hungry we all are for a different kind of politics.” – Barack Obama.

“Someday I want to be rich. Some people get so rich they lose all respect for humanity. That's how rich I want to be.” – Rita Rudner

“Excellence is the best deterrent to racism or sexism.” – Oprah Winfrey

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." - Helen Keller

Extemp

Should the government be providing more or less federal student loan forgiveness?

What should be done to help curb inflation?

Which party will have a majority after the midterm elections?

What, if anything, can be done to restore respect for the Supreme Court?