

## **4n6U Spring 2025 Limited Preparation Prompts**

**Broadcasting** is a 3 minute speech including news stories that are no more than 6 weeks old. Students are able to include news from any legitimate news source, and are welcome to have a variety of news items in their presentations, including more serious stories or those that are lighthearted. There is a 15 second grace period. A broadcasting speech must include a station sign on and sign off, and a commercial. This speech has a 15 second grace period.

**Pro/Con Challenge** is a 10 minute speech (with 30 second grace period) which includes case argumentation on BOTH the affirmation and negation of one of the current national debate topics. It is suggested to have approximately 5 mins for the affirmation case and 5 mins for the negation case.

Choices include:

Resolved: The United States ought to become party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and/or the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. (LD Jan/Feb)

Resolved: In the United States, national service ought to be mandatory. (LD Novice)

Resolved: The African Union should grant diplomatic recognition to the Republic of Somaliland as an independent state. (PF Jan)

Resolved: The United States should accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. (PF Feb)

Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks. (Policy 24-25)

Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic. (Policy 25-26)

Resolved: Creativity is a more powerful force than intelligence. (BQ)

Resolved: The United States Federal Government ought to eradicate the federal income tax.

Resolved: The United States Federal Government ought to ban corporate acquisition of single-family residences.

### **Pro/Con Challenge Topics for those in 5th grade or lower.**

- Students in this age brackets are welcome to use the above topics, but are also welcome to write case on one of the following:

Resolved: TikTok should be banned in the United States.

Resolved: United States Presidents should be able to run and serve for 3 non-consecutive terms.

Resolved: Presidential Cabinet nominees should be required to pass a competency test related to the department they are nominated.

Resolved: Identity months in education do more harm than good.

**Extemp Commentary** is a 5 minute speech which allows students to take a stance on the topic of their choice from the given prompts. These speeches must include an opinion, and must underscore that position with grounds. There is a 30 second grace period.

Prompts include:

TikTok ban

Allocating money to addressing "natural disaster" devastation

China

Respecting political differences

Self-improvement

**Extemporaneous Speaking** is a 7 minute speech presented in the effort to answer a current events question posed. This speech should be recorded without prep time and include evidence. There is a 30 second grace period.

- Should the United States ban TikTok?
- How should the WHO move forward now that it's lost its biggest contributor?
- What will be the outcome of Trump's immigration policies?
- What should Syria be focused on as it rebuilds after Assad?
- Should there be any policy changes after the deadly LA-area wildfires?
- What will come of the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas?

**Impromptu Speaking** has seven minutes total for preparation and speaking time. This can be allotted as the speaker sees fit. For example, prep time can be 2 minutes with up to a 5 minute speech. The timer does not stop between prep and speaking but continues as one whole process. There is a 30 second grace period.

Choices:

Tightrope

Special

Abracadabra

"We accept the love we think we deserve" - Stephen Chbosky

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." - Eleanor Roosevelt

"The measure of a man is what he does with power." - Plato

**Congress** is a 3 minute event where students choose a proposed bill to speak on. After selecting a bill to speak on, they record a 3 minute speech on EITHER the Aff/Prop side OR the Neg/Opp side.

The tournament uses the NSDA supplied Congress dockets. Students may choose any bill from dockets in the following months:

December 2024, January 2025, February 2025, March 2025