Greetings from 4n6U.

Here are the Limited Preparation Topics for the 2026 4n6U Fall Classic.

Extemp Commentary

Some notes to keep in mind:
Students will choose one topic from the below list and prepare a commentary on that topic using their personal knowledge, understanding, and analysis.
Time limits for Extemporaneous Commentary will be 5 minute speeches with 30 seconds of grace time.
No video editing is permitted in this, or any other event.
Students need not record prep time for this event
Commentary should be presented from a seated position

Topic options:

- Legal Voting Age
- Midterms
- Lake of America
- Influencer Culture
- Heat waves

Extemporaneous Speaking

Students will choose one question from the below list and prepare a speech answering the question.
Time limit for Extemporaneous Speaking will be a 7 minute speech with 30 seconds of grace time.
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Students do not need to record prep time for this event.

Extemp Options (4n6U has only one type of extemp, students can choose to answer either a domestic or international question but not both):

- What can be done to improve the reputation of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the United States?
- Is South Korea's new hypersonic weapons testing going to help or hurt their hope for peace in the region?
- What kind of changes can the United States expect after their midterm elections?
- Will protests in France over education funding lead to any reform?
- What will the Paramount/Warner Bros merger mean for the United States entertainment industry?
- Are Spain's early elections going to improve the housing crisis there?
- In the wake of the closure of the Natural Academy of Sciences, what can Americans do to ensure generational engagement in museums and other educational institutions?

Prepared Prompt Speaking

Students will choose one quotation from the below prompts.
Time limit for prepared prompt will be five(5) minutes with a thirty second grace period
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Options:

- Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. - Gloria Steinem
- Always be you - and learn to let go in order to grow. You owe it to yourself. - Vivian Martinez - Stachura
- You have to fail in order to practice being brave. - Mary Tyler Moore
- Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go any higher than you think. - Benjamin Disrach
- Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement, nothing can be done without hope and confidence. - Helen Keller

Pro/Con Challenge

Students are presenting on both sides of the topic they choose. STudent are required to choose one topic and present both sides of that topic and cannot combine resolutions into one speech.
Pro/Con challenge has a maximum time limit of ten(10) minutes for presenting both the pro and con cases of the chosen resolution.
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Resolution Choices:
2026 September/October Topic for Lincoln-Douglas - Resolved: Outer space colonization is a moral imperative.
2026 November/December Topic - Resolved: De-extinction is unethical.
Lincoln-Douglas Debate – Novice Topic - Resolved: In the United States, national service ought to be mandatory.
Public Forum Debate – 2026 September/October Topic - Resolved: The United States federal government should enact a moratorium on hyperscale data center construction.
Public Forum Debate – 2026 November/December Topic - Resolved: European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
Policy Debate – 2026-2027 Topic - Resolved: The United States federal government should establish national health insurance in the United States.
Big Questions – 2026-2027 Topic - Resolved: Technological progress has surpassed humanity’s ability to use it ethically.

For students in the third grade or lower entering pro/con challenge, they have the choice of one of the above topics or one of the following:
Resolved: Technology-free classrooms are better for students.
Resolved: Professional athletes and celebrities deserve to make more money than the average person.

Congressional Debate

Video editing is not permitted in this, or any event.
For Congressional Debate, students are welcome to choose any of the bills in the February Congressional Debate docket found on the NSDA website. One side is chosen (either affirming or negating the bill) and presented.
Speeches are three(3) minutes in length and have a 30 second grace period.

September 2026 legislation can be found here.
October 2026 legislation can be found here.