**Speech and Debate I**

**Final Project Guide: Political Persuasion**

**Overview**

*This Project will incorporate elements of each of the units that we have worked through so far this year – paying special attention to rhetoric, argumentation, and your ability to express your ideas both in writing and in front of an audience.*

*For this Project you and a partner will be assigned a resolution relevant to our global society in 2016. Using your resolution as a starting point, you will research, write, orate, and debate your side of the issue – either on the Affirmative or the Negative.*

*This exam is worth 25% of your total grade for the entire class. Be advised: all portions of this Project will be graded according to exact specifications with little to no leniency given for “effort.” Some of you have slid by with passing grades on “effort” all year; that will not be the case here.*

**Goal**

You will take the role of political leader who must convince the nation to support your side of the issue, while your partner takes the role of the political leader opposing you. Your ultimate goal is to sway an audience of readers and voters to your side of the issue.

**Rubric**

Written Constructive Case 25%

Written Legislation 25%

Written Persuasive Speech 25%

Speech Participation 12.5%

Debate Participation 12.5%

**Timeline**

Tue 5/17 Assign Project, Research and Complete Constructive Cases

Thu 5/19 Debates – Session A

Mon 5/23 Debates – Session B

Wed 5/25 Research and Compose Legislation and Speeches

Tue 5/31 Complete Legislation and Speeches, Practice Speeches

Thu 6/2 Deliver and Assess Speeches

Exam Day Final Debate Exhibition

**Due Dates**

Wed 5/18 11:59 PM Constructive Case (AFF or NEG) Due Online

Thu-Mon 5/19-5/23 In Class Debate Participation and Evaluations Due (must be present)

Thu 5/26 11:59 PM Legislation Due Online

Wed 6/1 11:59 PM Speech Due Online

Thu 6/2 In Class Speech Participation and Evaluation Due (must be present)

**Absence Policy**

**Missing a class is no excuse for missing a deadline – all project deadlines are FINAL whether you are in class or not.** It is mandatory that you are present for AT LEAST one (1) in-class debate day (5/19 or 5/23) AND the in-class speech day (6/2). There will be no make ups if you miss your debate or speech unless you present a documented medical emergency (an email from your parent will NOT suffice).

***Make ups will occur ONLY on Thursday, June 9 (the Exam make up day).***

**Resolutions**

Resolved: On balance, the benefits of deep sea exploration outweigh the harms

Resolved: The United States should increase funding towards green technology

Resolved: The United Kingdom should remain in the European Union

Resolved: The United States’ presence in East Asia has helped to stabilize the region

Resolved: On balance, drone strikes have reduced the threat of terrorism

Resolved: The United States should no longer intervene in the Middle East

Resolved: Russia has been more effective than the United States at combating ISIS

Resolved: On balance, free trade agreements have benefitted the US economy

Resolved: The federal government ought to ensure that public universities are tuition-free

Resolved: On balance, the Affordable Health Care Act has benefitted the United States

Resolved: The harms of maintaining a nuclear arsenal outweigh the benefits

Resolved: Private corporations are better suited than NASA to lead US space exploration missions

Resolved: All illicit drug use should be decriminalized in the United States

Resolved: National curriculum standards, such as the Common Core, are harmful to education

Resolved: On balance, military exports are harmful to the United States

Resolved: Federal justices in the United States judiciary should serve term limits

**Affirmative Negative**

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