**Speech Final**

**100 pts.   
Ms. Crumrine**

**1. Choose from the speech topics listed below.  
2. Minimum one source required.  
3. USE YOUR TIME WISELY!! RESEARCH, WRITE THESIS, TYPE 3-5 PARAGRAPH SPEECH, MAKE VISUAL.  
4. Visual aids required-your choice of media, IMOVIE OR KEYNOTE DEPENDING ON TYPE.  
5. CHALLENGE-think outside the box  
HAVE FUN!!**

**ARTICLE 1: SPEECH-PERSUASIVE**

**When Should You Be Able to Buy Cigarettes, Drink Alcohol, Vote, Drive and Fight in Wars?**

<http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/25/at-what-ages-should-you-be-able-to-buy-cigarettes-drink-alcohol-vote-drive-and-fight-in-wars/?nl=learning&emc=edit_ln_20130425&_r=0>

* Do you think people under the age of 18 are mature enough to make life-or-death decisions on their own? Which of the activities mentioned above do you think are life-or-death decisions? Why?
* What do you think should be the age or ages at which young people are allowed to do each of these things? Why?
* What do you think about the argument made by proponents of the new law that because the “executive functioning” portion of the brain isn’t fully developed until 21, some decisions should be put off until then?
* Which of these rights are you most looking forward to having? Why?

**ARTICLE 2: SPEECH-HOW TO, CREATE AN ONLINE VIDEO IN WHICH YOU TEACH THE WORLD ABOUT.**

# What Would You Teach the World in an Online Video?

<http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/24/what-would-you-want-to-teach-the-world-in-your-own-online-video/?nl=learning&emc=edit_ln_20130425>

* What talents or expertise would you want to share in your own Internet video?
* What would you want to teach the world about, or how to do?
* How would you keep your viewers interested? How would you make your video unique?
* Who would you want your audience to be?
* What new skills or materials would you need in order to make your video?

# ARTICLE 3: SPEECH-INFORMATIVE

# Do Bystanders Have a Responsibility to Intervene When There is Trouble?

# http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/23/do-bystanders-have-a-responsibility-to-intervene-in-crimes/?nl=learning&emc=edit\_ln\_20130425

* Do bystanders have a responsibility to intervene when there is trouble? What about if a crime is being committed?
* Are they at fault if they don’t intervene? Why?
* Have you ever been a bystander when somebody has gotten hurt, either physically or verbally? What did you do? Why did you make that decision?
* Have you ever been a bystander, via social media, of someone getting hurt? In other words, through Facebook, Twitter or texting, you knew someone had been a victim or was being victimized. What, if anything, did you decide to do?
* How do you know when you should get involved, offer to help or speak out — and when you shouldn’t?

# ARTICLE 4: SPEECH-INFORMATIVE/OPINION

# What FIVE People, Living or Dead, Would You Invite to Dinner?

# http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/22/what-six-people-living-or-dead-would-you-invite-to-dinner/?nl=learning&emc=edit\_ln\_20130425

* Who would be on your guest list for such a dinner party? Why?
* Or would you rather take your guests somewhere else? If so, where?
* What are your expectations for this meeting?
* How well do you think everyone would get along? Why?

# ARTICLE 5: SPEECH-OPINION

# Would You Ever Consider Getting a Tattoo?

# http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/19/would-you-ever-consider-getting-a-tattoo/?nl=learning&emc=edit\_ln\_20130425

* Would you ever consider getting a tattoo? Why or why not? If yes, what kind of tattoo? Would you want it in a place that could be easily hidden under your clothing?
* Do you know anyone with tattoos? What kinds of tattoos?
* Why do you think people get tattoos? Why do you think people [remove tattoos](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/06/17/us/17tattoo.html)?
* Do you think tattoos are becoming more or less popular among teenagers? What is your evidence?

# ARTICLE 6: SPEECH- Is It Possible to Start Out Poor in This Country, Work Hard and Become Well-Off?

<http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/12/12/is-it-possible-to-start-out-poor-in-this-country-work-hard-and-become-well-off/?module=BlogPost-Title&version=Blog%20Main&contentCollection=U.S.&action=Click&pgtype=Blogs&region=Body>

* Is it possible to start out poor in this country, work hard and become well-off? How possible? And do you think it is getting easier or harder than it used to be?
* Do you believe that the United States is the “land of opportunity”? Do you think the American dream, however you define it, is alive and well?
* How much of an advantage do you think young people from wealthy families have over young people from poor families when it comes to getting ahead in this country?
* How optimistic are you about getting a good job and living comfortably when you get older?