

Nettleton

Government and Politics: Controversial Topics Powerpoint Presentation SUMMATIVE PROJECT

Each student will choose a controversial topic to research and present to the rest of the class. Only one student per class will research one specific topic. Students will create a powerpoint, present their powerpoint to class, and answer questions on their researched topic. Students will serve as the “expert” on their research topic.

Requirements:

All of the information below should be included in your powerpoint in this specific order: (number of slides will vary with each presentation).

1. Title page slide
2. Definition of your topic (if applicable)
3. Modern History of your topic
 - a. Include the history of your topic within the **last 50 years**
 - b. Consider: when/why did your topic become controversial?
 - c. Do not include a copy and pasted timeline, rather choose significant events from the timeline to highlight on your “history slide(s)”
4. 5 pros (Quotes)
 - a. These should be researched, rather than your own opinion
5. 5 cons (Quotes)
 - a. These should be research, rather than your own opinion
6. Nebraska Connection (Quotes)
 - a. How does your topic relate to Nebraska/Nebraskans in some way?
7. Democratic Views (Quotes)
 - a. How do the Democrats feel about your topic?
 - i. Check: www.democrats.org
8. Republican Views (Quotes)
 - a. How do the Republicans feel about your topic?
 - i. Check: www.Gop.com
9. Obama’s Views (Quotes)
 - a. How does President Obama feel about your topic?
 - i. Check: www.barackobama.com
10. Current Event (Quotes)
 - a. Find a current event on your topic from within the last year
 - b. Summarize your current event on your slide
 - i. Who, What, When, Where, Why etc.
 - c. Create TWO open-ended discussion questions
11. Opinion Slide (Quotes)
 - a. Tell us your opinion on the topic
12. Source Slide (Quotes)
 - a. You will need at least 5 sources
 - b. Sources must come from credible websites, publications

Research Information:

Wednesday: Choose topics and begin Research

Thursday: Research/ Work on Power Point

Friday: Research/Finish Power Point/First Presentations

*If students fail to present on their chosen presentation date, they will be docked points.

Helpful websites to begin your research:

- Procon.org
- “Points of View” database on LSW MEDIA CENTER webpage
- “Opposing Viewpoints” database on LSW MEDIA CENTER webpage
- Look for websites ending with .org, .gov, .edu rather than .com