**Handout H 112 Impromptu Topics** Xerox and cut every three questions a part.

**Use these topics for Round I.**

1. Should marijuana be legalized?
2. Since the accident rate is high for teenagers, should getting a driver’s license be raised to age 18?
3. Should high school classes begin at 9:00 AM?

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1. Should the prom be held at the high school?
2. Should students attending the prom ride on a chartered bus instead of driving?
3. Michelle Obama’s lunch plan is a great plan. Agree or Disagree

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1. Students should not be penalized in class for using a cellphone. Agree or Disagree
2. Do electronic whiteboards enhance learning?
3. Should sex education be taught at the high school level?

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1. What came first, the chicken or the egg?
2. Should students be allowed to carry backpacks to class?
3. Should the purses girls carry to class have the size limited?

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1. Is assigning out of school suspension an effective penalty for students?
2. Should the size of drink that you order be limited to only 16 ounces?
3. Are the Keystone Exam Tests an accurate measure of a student’s knowledge?

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1. Should students be required to take physical education class in high school?
2. Should students be required to take four years of social studies in high school?
3. Should students be required to take a calculus class to graduate from high school?

**Use these topics for Round II.**

1. Should grammar be taught at the high school level?
2. Is a college degree necessary to be successful?
3. Rap music is great music. Agree or Disagree

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1. Should all students be required to take a music class in high school?
2. Should all students be required to take an art class in high school?
3. Should a high school offer a variety of cooking classes in its curriculum?

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1. Should students be able to take college classes during high school?
2. Should more drug searches be conducted at schools?
3. Is our dress code too strict?

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1. Should high school interscholastic sports programs be eliminated from the school district budget?
2. Should wrestling be eliminated from the Olympics?
3. Choose your favorite vocalist. Persuade us this person is the best in the industry.

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1. Choose your favorite band. Persuade us this band is the best in America.
2. Should students say the Pledge of Allegiance every morning?
3. Should the Bible be read during opening exercises each morning?

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1. Should we have prayer to begin the day in school?
2. Is our country still the greatest in the world?
3. Should softball have been removed from the Olympics?

**Use these topics for Round III.**

1. Is cheer a sport?
2. Are high school cheerleaders necessary to school spirit?
3. Would you come to school if you did not have to?
4. Should gay marriage be legal?
5. Should students be allowed to leave school during their lunch periods?
6. Is speech class important?

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1. Will you marry your high school sweetheart?
2. Is it fair that students buying cafeteria lunches are mandated to take two vegetables?
3. Should school lunches be bigger?

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1. Should students have to get milk every day when buying a school lunch?
2. Should students have to attend their given detentions?
3. Are freshman boys immature?

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1. Should everyone have to shower daily?
2. Should you have to sit next to someone you do not like during class?
3. Should you get to choose where you sit in a high school classroom?

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1. Should teachers be able to take your cell phone?
2. Do you think you should have to swim in school?
3. Are high school relationships too serious?

**Use these topics for Round IV.**

1. Should students have to take physical education class if they play a varsity sport?
2. Should the school be in charge of a kid’s obesity?
3. Should students attend school year round?

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1. Should the U.S. be the world’s peacekeeper?
2. Should Shakespearian pieces still be required literature in high school?
3. Should all high school students take a personal finance class?

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1. Will the U.S. ever become a paperless society?
2. Are English teachers out of touch when they assign classical literature?
3. What is your favorite piece of literature read in English class?

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1. Who should be our next U.S. president?
2. Is the U.S. ready for a female president?
3. Will China overpower the world?
4. Should America be the peacekeeper for the world?
5. Should cats have a license like dogs?
6. Should the U.S. continue to use the electoral voting system?
7. Should Congressional terms be limited?

71. Should music, art, and theater classes be eliminated from school curriculums?

72. Is texting a help or a hindrance?

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73. Is Facebook a great innovation in communicating?

74. Do you like to watch movies better at home or at a movie theater?

 75. Is Michelle Obama’s lunch program effective?

**Use these topics for Round V if you have 30 students in your classroom or use as optional topics.**

 76. If you could choose a person to have dinner with, who would you choose and why?

 77. What is the best restaurant to eat at and why?

 78. Is cheating rampant in our classrooms?

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 79. If you won 500 million dollars, what would you do with it?

 80. If you won 500 million dollars, would you share it and with whom?

 81. What football team will win this year’s Super Bowl?

 82. Are the Olympic athletes really amateurs?

 83. Is college for everyone?

 84. Should evolution and the creationism theories both be taught in biology class?

 85. Should marriage licenses be renewed like car licenses?

 86. Is a dog a man’s best friend?

 87. What is your favorite television show? Why?

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 88. Tell us what college you would like to attend. Why?

 90. Should girls be drafted into the Armed Forces ?

 91. If you could make the world a better place, what would you do and why?

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 92. How should a school handle students who constantly come to school tardy?

 93. What are the characteristics of an ideal teacher?

 94. What are the characteristics of an ideal friend?

**More Optional Topics for an Impromptu Speaking Round**

 95 Is the United States ready for a gay president?

 96. Should students have to pass a competency test before moving to the next grade level?

 97. Is happiness the most important value in life?

 98. Ten years from now what do you expect to be doing?

 99. Describe the ideal job.

100. Describe the ideal vacation.

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101. Describe the traditions or rituals in your family.

102. Should pen knives be allowed on planes?

103. Should American citizens be allowed to carry guns?

104. Is hunting deer with a bow and arrow cruel?

105. Should college athletes be paid?

106. Should someone major in liberal arts at college?

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107. Is Twitter an effective learning tool for the classroom?

108. Would you prefer a passive class lecture or a class with interactive activities?

109. Are online electronic courses effective for high school students?

110. Is the Internet harmful or helpful to students?

111. Will cursive writing disappear from our society?

112. With all of the electronic devices, are today’s teenagers antisocial?