

Debatable Topics

Social Issues

- Legalization of marijuana for recreational uses
- Lowering the drinking age to 18 → BEER (Because Eighteen Equals Rights)
- Lowering the driving age to 16 (other states have students driving at 16)

Government Issues

- The US housing war refugees
- Immigration
- Privacy Laws and government intervention
- Mass Incarceration Problem in the US and what happens to prisoners after they're released
- America's involvement in foreign affairs

Science Issues

- Use of Genetically modified foods
- Genetic Engineering → Where do we draw the line?
- With the Human Genome Project complete and the entire DNA sequenced → Should we sequence our genome? Will this cause problems with insurance companies and future employers
- Use of nuclear energy
- Carbon Tax → try to push more companies to use renewable resources and avoid fossil fuels

School Related Issues

- Use of cell phones in school → access to internet and educational games/apps
- Delaying the start time of school
- Keeping the arts in schools.
- The importance of electives in the middle schools

Requirements

- A mandatory narrative that is a paragraph and a half with two references to support your position of affirmative (why you agree) or negative (why you disagree)
- Student can choose any debate topic listed above and be prepared to discuss their position at their interview
- It must be typed and submitted electronically to tharrell@twpunionschools.org
- The facilitators at both KMS and BMS will give you the appropriate date
- Student will be scheduled for a short interview at their perspective schools
- The facilitators will alert all students who were approved for the Pilot program based on narrative and short interview