

**OSAA State Speech Championships 2016**  
**Impromptu Topics**

**Round I**

**Speaker 1**

Integrity

Should private schools receive public money?

“The past has no power over the present moment.” — Eckhart Tolle

**Speaker 2**

Alluring

Should the minimum wage be raised nationally to \$15?

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” — Mahatma Gandhi

**Speaker 3**

Manipulative

Should public schools emphasize the teaching of civics to students?

“Only a generation of readers will spawn a generation of writers.” — Steven Spielberg

**Speaker 4**

Inconsequential

Should fracking be banned?

“I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.” — Mark Twain

**Speaker 5**

Despondent

Should the US spend more on public transportation?

“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.” — Margaret Mead

**Speaker 6**

Invigorating

Should penalties for diving while using cell phones be much greater?

“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.” — Augustine of Hippo

**Speaker 7**

Rambunctious

Should students be able to sue the state over the quality of their schools?

“I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better.” — Maya Angelou

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**Round II**

**Speaker 1**

Prominence

Should all states adopt voter ID requirements for elections?

“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.” — Confucius

**Speaker 2**

Incidental

Should all children be immunized in order to attend school?

“You might be poor, your shoes might be broken, but your mind is a palace.” — Frank McCourt

**Speaker 3**

Inability

Should newspapers be publically funded?

“There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.” —  
Mahatma Gandhi

**Speaker 4**

Aspiration

Should paid parental leave be available to all employees in the US?

“There is no Them. There are only facets of Us.” — John Green

**Speaker 5**

Desperation

Should taxes be raised on the wealthy in the US?

“We are not rich by what we possess but by what we can do without.” — Immanuel Kant

**Speaker 6**

Harmless

Should consumers know if they are buying GMO products?

“If you're in trouble, or hurt or need - go to the poor people. They're the only ones that'll help - the only ones.”  
— John Steinbeck

**Speaker 7**

Interconnections

Should more be done to preserve the national parks?

“Some people think luxury is the opposite of poverty. It is not. It is the opposite of vulgarity.”  
— Coco Chanel

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**Round Semi-Finals**

**Speaker 1**

Conglomerate

Should internet service be publically funded?

“Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.”

— Lao Tzu

**Speaker 2**

Inspiration

Should states be in control of federal lands?

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”

— Winston S. Churchill

**Speaker 3**

Duplicity

What should be done to prepare to fight wildfires in the west?

“Above all, be the heroine of your life, not the victim.” — Nora Ephron

**Speaker 4**

Elusiveness

Should people be allowed to build houses in areas prone to flooding?

“A ship is safe in harbor, but that's not what ships are for.” — William G.T. Shedd

**Speaker 5**

Objectification

Should states be able to override EPA standards?

“Everyone has talent. What's rare is the courage to follow it to the dark places where it leads.” — Erica Jong

**Speaker 6**

Indecisive

Should professional women athletes be paid as much as male athletes in the same sport?

“Don't be satisfied with stories, how things have gone with others. Unfold your own myth.” — Rumi

**Speaker 7**

Eccentricity

Should the senate hold hearings on the nomination of Justice Garland?

“Courage is grace under pressure.” — Ernest Hemingway

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**Round Finals**

**Speaker 1**

Entrepreneurial

Should fracking be prohibited on federal lands?

“Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists.” — Franklin D. Roosevelt

**Speaker 2**

Promiscuity

Should more federal money be available to help people recover from weather related disasters?

“Being an American is about having the right to be who you are. Sometimes that doesn't happen.”  
— Herb Ritts

**Speaker 3**

Nationalism

How should the NFL protect players from head injuries?

“That is how we always keep our beloved dead alive, isn't it? By telling stories about them; true stories.”  
— James D. Bradley

**Speaker 4**

Shame

Should the US get rid of Daylight Savings Time?

“Without the pen of Paine, the sword of Washington would have been wielded in vain.” — John Adams

**Speaker 5**

Lackluster

Should E-Cigarettes be regulated the same way regular cigarettes are regulated.

“Silence is what causes most of humanity's problems.” — Lauren Kate

**Speaker 6**

Eviction

Is it time to get rid of minimum sentencing laws.

“When I discover who I am, I'll be free.” — Ralph Ellison

**Speaker 7**

Predominance

Should voters be able to register on election day?

“I'd rather die my way than live yours.” — Lauren Oliver

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**Extra Topics**

Integrity

Should public schools offer football as a sport?

“England and America are two countries separated by the same language.” — George Bernard Shaw

Experience

Should all states go to vote by mail?

“Small differences in a system of great power can have enormous consequences. — Noam Chomsky