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Quarter 2

Persuasive: Writing

Students will draft two persuasive pieces during this quarter.

Draft 1 is due Friday, December 3.

Draft 2 is due Wednesday, January 12.

Best draft of the two is due Wednesday, January 19 for the final grade (this will be recorded on the Quarter 3 reporting term).

Best draft will be assessed using the 6 Traits rubric.

Persuasive: Commercial

Students will create a 30 second persuasive commercial in groups of 2 - 4 peers.

Students get to choose their topic: environmental awareness or [driving safety](#).

The commercial will be assessed on clarity, creativity, and conciseness.

Royalty Free sites for *Music*:

<http://www.royaltyfreemusic.com/free.html> scroll down

<http://freeplaymusic.com/>

Royalty Free sites for *Sound Effects*:

right click on sound effect link, click on "Save Target As", save to English Commercial folder

<http://www.royaltyfreemusic.com/free.html> scroll down

<http://www.mediacollege.com/downloads/sound-effects/>

Royalty Free sites for *Images*:

<http://freestockphotos.com/>

<http://www.freeimages.co.uk/>

<http://www.free-stockphotos.com/>

<http://classroomclipart.com/>

Site to make files compatible with MovieMaker:

<http://www.zamzar.com/>

This site requires an email address. Your sendit account will block it, so you'll need to use a different email account or use my email address (melissa_cournia@bismarckschools.org) and get the file from me as soon as possible.

<http://www.convertfiles.com/>

This site does not require an email address but can be much slower than the site above.

Persuasive: Debate

Expectations:

[Debate Expectations](#) (pdf document)

File Size: 287 kb

To be at the satisfactory level (C level), you need to meet all expectations on the above document.

To be at the above satisfactory level (B level), you need to meet all expectations on the above document plus have a strong command over your speaking voice.

To be at the level of excellence (A level), you need to meet all the expectations on the above document, have a strong command over your speaking voice, and propel the open debate portion forward through extra ammunition that further supports your argument plus a critical eye of your opponent's argument allowing you to use their own facts against them. Excellence is never an easy feat. In this context, the debate, it will require a strong understanding of your topic, *both sides of it*, and a strong ability to articulate yourself on-the-spot effectively.

Timeline:

Tuesday, December 7

Expectations

Choose debate teams

Choose topics

Wednesday, December 8

Organize and Research

Thursday, December 9

Organize, Research, Write

Friday, December 10

Organize, Research, Write

Weekend of December 11 & 12

For satisfactory performance, write and rehearse

For those who strive for excellence, **continue to research** and write, then rehearse in front of a mirror, the dog, the dinner table (with the family there)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Week of December 13

Debate!

Resources:

http://www.idebate.org/debatabase/topic_index.php

Info on more than 500 debate topics - listed in alphabetical order.

<http://www.procon.org/>

Summary of topic with excellent guiding questions.

<http://www.youdebate.com/>

Short summary of pros and cons by topic.

<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/pubpol.html>

Government information on a host of topics.

[Opposing Viewpoints](#)

Huge and searchable; you wrote the username and password in your planner.

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