

# Speech & Debate

## **Suggested magazine and journal indexes:**

Electronic: EBSCOhost

Print: Readers Guide to Periodical Literature

## **Websites:**

**Junior State of America** <http://www.jsa.org>

**Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association** website <http://www.themifa.org/html/index.html>

click on the "Speech Activities Resources" link in the left column. (Column is dark blue.) Scroll down to the Debate Resources Links.

**Debate Central** <http://debate.uvm.edu/learn2.html>

All about debating: strategies and techniques, critiques, evidence, debate structure, rhetoric, and argument; how to speak in public; examples of debates on video; scholarships and jobs (in Debate Futures ); teams and tournaments; coaching; current and past topics; and more. Use the site map for easiest site navigation.

## **Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids: National High School Debate Topic**

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/9-12/debate/>

The topic for the annual national high school debate is stated and accompanied by links to government Web sites that have information for formulating an argument. The site provides the debate topics back to 1999.

## **Research Guides for the High School Debate Topic**

<http://www.lib.ku.edu/instruction/community/jdi/>

Links to key Web sites that relate to topics covered in the National High School Debate. Each guide contains a handy list of search terms. Topics date back to 2002/2003. Note: Only students at the University of Kansas may access the proprietary databases and online catalog listed in the guides.

Here are some debate resources.

**National Forensic League** ([www.nflonline.org](http://www.nflonline.org)).

**Debatabase-** <http://www.idebate.org/debatabase/>

**Justice Talking-** <http://www.justicetalking.org/>

**Justice Learning-** <http://www.justicelearning.org/>

**ProCon.org-** <http://www.procon.org/>

**The People Speak-** <http://www.idebate.org/thepeoplespeak/index.html>

**Open Society Institute-** <http://www.soros.org/initiatives/youth>

**Balanced Politics.org-** <http://www.balancedpolitics.org/index.htm>

**Congressional Digest**

publishes a great monthly publication that provides several authoritative articles on both sides of controversial issues. Each month focuses on a different issue. They aren't usually the straightforward "abortion" type topics, though. <http://www.pro-and-con.org/cdm/cdm.htm>