

ARTH 100 Idea and Image Persuasive Speeches

Suggested Topics. You can choose a topic that is not on this list, but you must check with me first to make sure that the topic is appropriate.

- Appropriation of images (borrowing images from other artists for your own artwork) - should it be considered a valid art form?
- Should religious art by students be displayed on a state university campus?
- Obscenity in the arts: should it be censored?
- Should we keep the NEA (National Endowment for the Arts) i.e., government funding of the arts?
- Is there discrimination against women in the art world?
- Should art works in museums be returned to the country of origin?
- Which is more important in a work of art, form or content?
- Should graffiti be shown in museums?
- Pretend the class hates all abstract art. Choose an abstract artist and persuade the class that this is truly great art.

Outline and Bibliography

You need to have three library sources (newspaper articles are fine). Bibliographies and outlines are due the day of your speech.

Be creative: you might try role-playing, for example. Think of visual aids, gather statistics to support your arguments.

Note: If you want to use slides, please see me at least one class before your speech.

Idea and Image: Persuasive Speech

You have two choices for this 5-minute speech:

A: Debate on an issue related to visual arts. You must choose one side or the other to argue. You may work with a partner, or in teams, on this speech, with the two of you presenting opposing viewpoints. **But remember: each person must speak for a total of five minutes.** The five minutes does not have to be all at once, however.

B. You are to choose an artist whose work is not in the realistic mode and imagine that you are facing an audience that is hostile to modern or contemporary art. The artworks do **not** have to be paintings; they can be sculptures, buildings, craft arts, etc. Your assignment is to convince this audience that your artist has chosen a valid form of artistic expression.

Important notes: Each individual or team must submit a bibliography with at least 3 library sources (books or journal articles).

If you want to use slides, I will need a slide list at least by the Monday morning before your presentation.