

**Coaches will present three questions to their students, and the student will select their topic. This is the honor policy.**

## **International Extemporaneous Speaking**

1. Why are so many countries worried about climate change this month at the big COP30 meeting in Brazil?
2. How can world leaders work together to protect rainforests like the Amazon?
3. What can other countries learn from Japan's new prime minister and her goals for change?
4. How might new fighting between Afghanistan and Pakistan affect people who live near their border?
5. Why do the United States and China keep arguing about trade, and how does it affect everyday people?
6. What can the United Nations do to stop hackers from stealing information across borders?
7. Why is Venezuela still struggling to fix its economy, and can the rest of the world help?
8. Should rich countries be required to give more money to poor countries to fight climate change?
9. How can Africa's leaders make sure elections and power changes happen peacefully?
10. Why do some people around the world support "populist" leaders who promise to shake things up?

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## **United States Extemporaneous Speaking**

1. What can the government do to help stop online scams that target older Americans?

2. Why do some people think voting has become harder in the United States, and how can that change?
  3. What can Congress do to prevent government shutdowns from happening again?
  4. How does the U.S. president's foreign policy affect life inside the country?
  5. Should the government spend more money on space exploration or solving problems on Earth?
  6. How can schools and families teach students to spot false information online?
  7. Why are some Americans calling for new laws to protect privacy on social media?
  8. How does the mayor of a big city like New York affect the rest of the country?
  9. What can the U.S. learn from other countries about fighting climate change?
  10. Should there be age limits for people serving in Congress or the presidency?
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## **Bonus “Both Divisions” Questions**

1. How can young people have a voice in solving global problems like climate change or poverty?
2. Why is kindness and truth important for leadership in 2025?
3. How can technology bring countries closer together—or drive them apart?
4. What lessons can the world learn from the wars and peace efforts of the past five years?
5. Should countries spend more money on defense or on education and healthcare?