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NFHS EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING TOPICS
February 2021

Domestic

Closed-Ended

1. Would the formation of a “Patriot Party,” with Donald Trump at its head, destroy the Republican Party’s electoral prospects?
2. Can the Biden administration succeed in reuniting families separated at the border under the Trump administration?
3. Is it too late for the United States to return to the Paris Climate Accord and have an impact?
4. Will the U.S. Senate convict Donald Trump of the impeachment charges he faces?
5. Will the message of unity in President Biden’s inaugural be followed by Democrats and Republicans?
6. Is President Biden’s cabinet representative of the diversity of the United States?
7. Will voters punish Senator Josh Hawley for his opposition to the certification of President Biden’s election?
8. Will the Vice Presidency garner more power with Kamala Harris as the occupant of that office?
9. Can the Biden administration improve the flow of COVID-19 vaccine doses to the states?
10. Are changes to the SAT good for American education?
11. Can Jill Biden’s safety be guaranteed as she attempts a career outside the White House?
12. Was the January 6 incident at the U.S. Capitol an insurrection or a protest gone bad?

Open-Ended

1. How would a conviction of Donald Trump by the U.S. Senate impact the electoral prospects of Republican Senators in their next races?
2. How will delays in the confirmation of President Biden's cabinet impact the work he hopes to do in the first 100 days?
3. How probable is Donald Trump to face criminal liability for his actions while president?
4. What steps must be taken to improve security around the legislative branch?
5. What must former Trump administration officials do to rehabilitate their careers?
6. How likely is it that Mike Pence will seek the Republican presidential nomination in 2024?
7. What must the Biden administration do to root-out structural racism in government institutions?
8. What explains the success insurrectionists experienced in breaching the US Capitol?
9. Who shares the greatest responsibility for the January 6 insurrection in Washington, DC?
10. What explains President Trump's decision to prioritize pardons for four hip-hop artists over others convicted of crimes?
11. What can President Biden do to inspire more Americans to regularly wear facial coverings?
12. What will be the Biden administration's top legislative priority in its first 100 days?

International Questions

Closed-Ended

1. Has Russia's attempt to kill Alexy Navalny made the opposition leader stronger?
2. Should Asian nations be worried about North Korea's new submarine-based missiles?
3. Should the joint operators of the International Space Station make plans to bring its mission to a close?
4. Will the change in US administrations change Iran's course on nuclear weapons development?
5. Will oil change the future of Suriname?
6. Will India succeed with its massive COVID-19 vaccine plan?
7. Is China doing enough to get control over new COVID outbreaks?

8. Does the World Health Organization deserve blame for the global spread of COVID-19?
9. Is South Africa's black middle class experiencing true prosperity?
10. Are Eritrean and Ethiopian forces about to engage in warfare?
11. Will Benjamin Netanyahu remain Prime Minister after March elections?

Open-Ended

1. How will the United States' decision to call the suppression of minorities in Xinjiang, China, a "genocide" impact China's actions there?
2. What is the significance of Israeli human rights group, B'Tselem's statement that Israel has become an "Apartheid State"?
3. What explains the sudden rekindling of the conflict in Sudan's Darfur region?
4. What steps can Ethiopia's government take to calm ethnic tensions in its provinces bordering Sudan?
5. How will Canada's economy be impacted by the United States' decision to cancel the Keystone XL Pipeline?
6. What steps can be taken to lessen the burden on Mexico of Central American migrant travel?
7. What must China do to address the shortage of good jobs for its college educated population?
8. What can the government of Afghanistan do to improve security in Kabul?
9. Who will emerge victorious from the leadership contest in Germany's Christian Democratic Party?
10. What will be the consequences of the Indian Supreme Court's decision to set aside the government's farm reforms?
11. How will Sri Lanka's decision to forcibly cremate Muslims who die from COVID-19 impact the sectarian divisions in the country?
12. How will the presence of rare earth metals there change Greenland?
13. As 2021 begins, what nation "leads the free world"?
14. Why are various Arab states ending their feud with Qatar?