

2026 NOF Walnut Invitational Debate & Assigned Speaking Prompts

Async Debate Topics:

Elementary and Middle School competitors can choose either the first topic, or any topic from the second list.

Elementary & Middle School:

Resolved: Social media is harmful for democracy.

All Competition Levels:

Resolved: The United States military ought to abide by the principle of non-intervention.

Resolved: The United States federal government should ban corporate acquisition of single-family residences.

Resolved: This House believes that mandatory community service should be a requirement for high school graduation.

Resolved: The United States ought to require that self-driving cars replace human drivers on public roads.

Resolved: The benefits of genetic engineering in humans outweigh the risks.

Async Assigned Platform Topics:

The Middle Seat

Expiration Dates

Crowded

Residue

Fine Print

Muddy

The Last Piece

Nerves

Lost Treasures

Controlled Burns