

2023-2024 SPEECH TREK SPEECH CONTEST TOPIC

Topic: How can we ensure a robust public-school curriculum that is accessible to all and teaches historically accurate information?

Background:

An educated population is essential to a nation's prosperity, according to many world leaders.

If so, then what is the best way to ensure a robust and accurate public-school education?

Imagine you could design your own high school curriculum:

1. What topics would you include and why?
2. Would there be topics you would exclude?
3. How would you ensure the accuracy of your curriculum?
4. Who would you designate as the final decision maker of your course content?

These questions arise as school curricula, textbooks, and library resources are undergoing changes across the country which will impact students of all ages and backgrounds.

Are these changes beneficial or detrimental to what you learn in school?

Throughout history, leaders around the world have credited education as the main driver of prosperity and democracy, including in the United States ¹. This finding leads us to the even bigger question :

How can we ensure a robust public-school curriculum that is accessible to all and teaches historically accurate information?

¹ "The real safeguard of democracy...is education." Franklin D. Roosevelt

¹ "Education is the road to equality and citizenship." Martin Luther King