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**Lesson Plan-High School Communication Arts and Literature: Speech Class**

**For/Against**

This public speaking activity encourages flexibility; the ability to see a topic from opposing sides. Each speaker has 30 seconds to talk “for” a topic and then another 30 seconds to speak “against” it.

I will prepare and print out a selection of controversial speech topics. There will be one for each student and I will hand them out.

Sample topics:

* money is the root of all evil
* a country gets the government it deserves
* “green” politics are just the current fashion
* pets in apartments should be banned
* marriage is essentially a business contract
* “Religion is the opiate of the masses” Karl Marx
* poverty is a state of mind
* euthanasia is unjustifiable
* global warming is media hype
* cloning animals should be banned
* animal testing is immoral
* same sex marriages should not be legal

**Assessment:**

Students will be assessed on how well they followed through with the assignment.

5 points for speaking for 30 seconds for topic.

5 points for speaking for 30 seconds against topic.