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Some definitions:

Young People

Infants, the first year of life.

Toddlers, 1-3 years old.

Children (Kids), 4-12 years old.

Teenagers, 13-19 years old.

Grades/Standards

The following ages are approximate:

Kindergarten – Student ages 3, 4, 5.

Primary School – Grades/Standards 1, 2, 3, 4. Student ages 6, 7, 8, 9.

Middle School – Grades/Standards 5, 6, 7, 8. Student ages 10, 11, 12, 13.

Secondary School (High School) – Grades/Standards 9, 10, 11, 12. Student ages 14, 15, 16, 17.

Topics for Student Speeches and Essays.

For Students in Middle School (Stds 5-8, ages 10-13),
and Secondary School (High School) (Stds 9-12, ages 14-17).

Praise and celebrate someone or something.

Suggest an improvement in something.

Tell about an experience one learned a lot from.

Who is your favourite Superhero? What is your favourite superpower?

Under what conditions might playing video games benefit or harm young people?

Under what conditions, if any, should animals be kept in zoos?

What should be taught most in school? –

STEM subjects – Science, Technology, Engineering, Math.

The Humanities – Literature, History, Social Studies, Psychology, etc.

Communication – Speaking (debating, giving speeches, storytelling, etc), and Writing (writing essays, etc).

What is meant by the term, "climate-change"?

Do you think climate-change is a great threat facing humanity today? If yes, why and how is it a threat? What could be done to prevent or diminish climate-change?

How and why do "inter-generational conflicts" occur, and what are some ways they can be resolved?

In what situations do you prefer one or the other? – Doing things by yourself, or doing things with a group.

What do you get more out of? – Discussions in the classroom, or discussions with your friends outside school.

What is the meaning of the word, "pilgrimage"? Is climbing Mount Everest a pilgrimage?

If you could time travel, where would you go?

What does it mean to be a citizen of a city, a country, the world?

Agree or disagree – Change starts with oneself. Can school children be social-change agents?

How does it affect a society if the level of "income inequality" is high?

What are the economic disparities (leading to healthcare, educational, and other disparities) among the states in India? Why and what next?

Please define "development" in society.

What is the meaning of the term, a "developed country"? Can India become a "developed country"?

What are the meanings of the terms, "First World", "Second World", and "Third World" countries?

If you might create a fairytale, who would be your hero / heroine? What would be the character's attributes? What makes a hero / heroine?

What is the most important thing a mentor can do for a young person?

When (in what situations) might it be best to live in a Senior Citizens' home?

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Elements of Rhetoric for Persuasive Speeches and Essays

State the title of one's Speech / Essay.

- 1) State one's basic idea and point.
- 2) To support one's idea, and to persuade and convince one's readers/listeners to agree with one, some elements of rhetoric that one could cite (refer to) are:
 - A) Traditions.
 - B) Authorities.
 - C) Statistics.
 - D) "Common sense".
 - E) Personal experiences (of one's self and one's listeners).
 - F) Benefits for one's listeners.
 - G) The common good for all in society.

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