

ARGUMENT WRITING

Prepare to Persuade

KEY STANDARD WHST.6-8.1

Read the Your Turn question included in “Teens in Office.” Then use this brainstorming sheet to plan a speech to persuade people to vote for *you*.

What office are you running for? _____

Why? _____

Choose three goals you would have while in office. How would you accomplish these initiatives?

Why would you be a better choice than any opposing candidates, despite your youth?

Write a lead for your speech (a one- or two-line opening that will engage your listeners right away).

Write your closing statement. What final thoughts do you want to leave in voters' minds?

Draft and rehearse! On a separate sheet of paper, write out your full speech. If time allows, read it to a partner, tweaking it as needed to make it more compelling. Then deliver your polished speech to the class.