



AZYLC 2017

Essay Topics

The faculty and staff of the Arizona Youth Leadership Conference have selected three issues as possible topics for the written communications seminar. Only one of these topics will be randomly selected by chance on the afternoon of the Written Communications class. All delegates will write on the same topic. Delegates should research these topics and formulate ideas to help with writing the essay. However, ***NO written notes or electronic devices will be permitted during the seminar.***

1. Five freedoms are listed in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. What are these five freedoms? Under what circumstances, if any, should these specific individual liberties be limited by the government?
2. United States Supreme Court Justices serve for life once appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Why did the Founders establish life terms for Supreme Court Justices? Do you think Presidents should be able to “fire” Supreme Court Justices with whom they don’t agree? Should there be restrictions or term limits on judicial service?
3. The President of the United States is the Commander In Chief of U.S. armed forces, yet the Constitution gives the United States Congress sole power to declare war. Under what circumstances should the President order the U.S. Military into immediate action against a foe without a congressional declaration of war? Under what circumstances should the President seek approval from Congress for military action?

Delegates will have 30 minutes to write a persuasive essay of not LESS than 300 words, and not MORE than 350 words to justify their position.