*Say It!*

We live in a world in which many people speak freely and many more stay silent for fear of reprisals. This semester, we will endeavour to have open, frank, and respectful discussions, and you are each going to lead one.

At some point in the semester, you will lead an informal discussion with your classmates on any topic of your choosing. No subject is taboo! Be careful, though. Freedom to speak does not mean freedom to disrespect. Whatever your topic and whatever your opinion, you will present both in a respectful manner, paying close attention to the level of language, the vocabulary, and the tone of your speech.

Furthermore, your presentation must include the following:

1. A springboard event to lead into the discussion.

2. A summary of the issue that you wish to present.

3. Your opinion presented concisely; *this is not the time to go off on a rant!*

4. Arguments & specific examples to support the opinions.

5. Questions which will help to lead a discussion with classmates.

6. A conclusion.

7. Duration – 15 to 30 minutes.

Feel free to also include a short video (30-45 seconds) if you feel it will help with your discussion.

You will be graded on your ability to lead the discussion, manage the group and the time, present concise and well thought out opinions, and demonstrate a level of speech fitting for a grade 12 pre-university student.

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| *Date* | *Student* |
| Tuesday, September 30th  |  |
| Friday, October 3rd  |  |
| Tuesday, October 7th  |  |
| Wednesday, October 8th  |  |
| Friday, October 10th  |  |
| Tuesday, October 14th  |  |
| Friday, October 17th  |  |
| Tuesday, October 21st | Bianca |
| Wednesday, October 22nd  | Julianne |
| Friday, October 24th  | Dominique |
| Tuesday, October 28th  | Brianna |
| Friday, October 31st  | Annabelle |
| Tuesday, November 4th  | Joanie |
| Wednesday, November 5th  | Lauren |
| Tuesday, November 11th  | Thalia |
| Friday, November 14th  | Lexie |
| Tuesday, November 18th  | Janelle |
| Friday, November 21st  | Summer |
| Tuesday, November 25th  | Alexy |
| Friday, November 28th  | Dahlia |
| Tuesday, December 2nd  | Karyane |
| Friday, December 5th  | Kally |
| Tuesday, December 9th  | Claire |
| Friday, December 12th  |  |
| Tuesday, December 16th  |  |