

2017 Spring Champs Impromptu Topics - Round One

Round 1 - Speaker 1

1. One man that has a mind and knows it can always beat ten men who haven't and don't. - George Bernard Shaw
2. The first time I see a jogger smiling, I'll consider it. - Joan Rivers
3. Conquer thyself, till thou has done this, thou art but a slave for it is almost as well to be subjected to another's appetite as to thine own. - Sir Richard Francis Burton

Round 1 - Speaker 2

1. For an idea ever to be fashionable is ominous, since it must afterwards be always old-fashioned. - George Santayana
2. The covetous man is ever in want. - Horace
3. Were I a nightingale, I would act the part of a nightingale were I a swan, the part of a swan. – Epictetus

Round 1 - Speaker 3

1. Success doesn't come to you...you go to it. - Marva Collins
2. Minds are like parachutes they work best when open. - Lord Thomas Dewar
3. Don't tell your friends their social faults they will cure the fault and never forgive you. - Logan Pearsall Smith

Round 1 - Speaker 4

1. Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation and this means we must develop a world perspective. - Martin Luther King, Jr.
2. Thanksgiving is a typically American holiday...The lavish meal is a symbol of the fact that abundant consumption is the result and reward of production. - Ayn Rand
3. A man has one hundred dollars and you leave him with two dollars, that's subtraction. - Mae West

Round 1 - Speaker 5

1. The secret of being a bore is to tell everything. - Voltaire
2. The devil hath power To assume a pleasing shape. - William Shakespeare
3. Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves. – Carl Jung

Round 1 - Speaker 6

1. What happens to a man is less significant than what happens within him. - Louis L. Mann
2. No athlete is crowned but in the sweat of his brow. - Saint Jerome
3. We must use time as a tool, not as a crutch. - John F. Kennedy

Round 1 - Speaker 7

1. They say some of my stars drink whiskey. But I have found that the ones who drink milkshakes don't win many ballgames. - Casey Stengel
2. Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear. - Ambrose Redmoon
3. My doctor gave me two weeks to live. I hope they're in August. - Ronnie Shakes

2017 Spring Champs Impromptu Topics - Round Two

Round 2 – Speaker 1

What is the most important thing that a government can do for its citizens?

You are a high school student trying to convince the school board to bring back funding for arts education.

Round2 – Speaker 2

What is the most important lesson that forensics teaches?

You are a senior trying to persuade your legislator not to privatize Medicare.

Round 2 – Speaker 3

What is the most important quality to look for when choosing a career?

You are Ivanka Trump trying to persuade your father to support legislation for workplace childcare.

Round 2 – Speaker 4

What is the most important quality to look for in a romantic partner?

You are speaking to your legislator trying to convince them to make college more affordable.

Round 2 – Speaker 5

What is the most important lesson you have learned from your family?

You are a fraternity/sorority president trying to convince a skeptical administration of the value of the Greek system.

Round 2 – Speaker 6

What will your generation be most remembered for?

You are a teacher trying to persuade Betsy DeVos of the importance of accountability for charter schools.

Round 2 – Speaker 7

What is the most important quality you can possess as a romantic partner?

You are an undocumented student trying to persuade your college to become a sanctuary campus.

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Final Round – Speaker 1

- Your company could significantly increase profits by manufacturing your product overseas where you know they abuse workers. Do you authorize it?
- Your good friend asks for a recommendation at the company where you work but you know they are unreliable. Do you recommend them?
- You are a rising star in the film world. Your manager encourages you to voice support for a good cause that you disagree with to gain significantly more fans. Do you go along with it?

Final Round – Speaker 2

- You are coaching a youth sports team in the playoffs. Do you play the bad players, knowing it may cost you the game?
- You are a doctor and an EKG shows a slight heart murmur in your patient – a young pilot. She asks you to ignore it in your report or she may lose her pilot's license. Do you hide the result?
- Your client tells you where the body of their victim is. Revealing this information would guarantee their conviction but would give the family of the victim much needed closure. Do you reveal the body's location?

Final Round – Speaker 3

- Your mother-in-law, whom you do not get along with, is terrified of moving to a nursing home. Do you invite her to live with you?
- You purchase a new home and know that the previous owner has died. You find a large stash of money while remodeling. Do you contact the heirs of the previous owner?
- You're playing golf with your new boss. He is losing and getting very angry. Do you let him beat you?

Final Round – Speaker 4

- Your child wants to do volunteer relief work in a dangerous war-torn country. Do you encourage them?
- A close relative confides in you that they've been given only six months to live and asks you to keep it secret. Do you hide this knowledge from their children and spouse?
- You hire someone who turns out to be extremely competent at the job but then find out they lied about their credentials. Do you fire them?

Final Round – Speaker 5

- A child victim of a pedophile murders their attacker. Should they go to jail?
- An extremist group threatens the bookstore you own over a book you are selling that they find offensive. Do you stop carrying the book?
- Your spouse of many years confides in you that they feel like they are transgender and want a sex change. Do you stay with them?

Final Round – Speaker 6

- You are in danger of being convicted of a serious crime that you know you did not commit. The district attorney offers you a much shorter sentence if you plead guilty to a lesser crime (which you also did not commit). Do you take the plea or risk of a much longer prison sentence?
- You are leaving a parking lot in a hurry and you dent the car next to you. You are already struggling to pay your bills. Do you leave a note identifying yourself?
- Your partner earnestly asks if they pleased you. They did not. Do you lie to them?

Final Round – Speaker 7

- You are driving alone on a desolate highway and see another motorist who appears to be stranded and desperate for help. Do you stop to help them?
- You are a teacher with a student, who despite sincere effort is about to fail your class for the third time, endangering their ability to graduate. Do you pass them?
- You are furiously cramming for an important test. Your classmates are circulating a stolen copy of the test. Do you use it?