Ideas For Presentations

Having trouble coming up with a subject for your next Wrangler presentation? The Wrangler Rule is— be interesting, stimulating, maybe even controversial (i.e.: something to argue about). We'll try to keep adding ideas to this page over time. And we want yours! Here are a few really good sources to get your juices flowing:

• **TED:** You probably know about TED Talks— all are extremely interesting, varied, and well (rehearsed and) presented.   **https://www.ted.com/**

• **Templeton Foundation:** This site was introduced to us by past Wrangler Milt Yanicks, teacher/philosopher/good guy. It's good! **https://www.templeton.org/news**

• **Center For The Study Of Great Ideas:**   **https://thegreatideas.org/**

• **Britannica ProCon:** This is a really good site…with lists of current "hot" topic" suggestions. Easy to use. "Reliable • Nonpartisan • Empowering"   **https://www.procon.org/debate-topics/**

• **The Stone:** A forum for contemporary philosophers and other thinkers on issues both timely and timeless.   **https://www.nytimes.com/column/the-stone**

Subjects to wrangle about?

Climate Change (of course!)

Facts vs Belief (Science vs Religion)

Poverty & inequality

Homelessness

Bias and Racism

Gun ownership

Surveillance (private, government): Too much, not enough or just the right amount? GPS, cell phones, facial recognition, biometrics (DNA, fingerprints, retina), gait, license plate readers.

Should Mercer Island do its fair share of providing for the homeless? What is a fair share?

Should Mercer Island take active steps to enable/increase low income housing?

Check out the list of "**Past Papers**" under "**Notes**" on the club's website: **http://pswranglers.com/notes.html** May be time for a refresher on an old topic.

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This stray list of various "debates" might present some ideas:

- School students don't need to learn cursive.
- Lower the voting age to 18.
- 12 year-olds should be allowed to get a job.
- 14 year-olds should be allowed to get a driver's license.
- Ban advertising on children's programs.
- Ban alternative medicines.
- Ban beauty pageants.
- Ban animal testing?
- Children should be exposed to technology.
- Dance should be considered a sport.
- Gaming should be considered a sport.
- Human cloning should be legalized.
- Is childhood obesity from bad parenting?
- Parents should be able to choose the sex of their child.
- Parents should be able to refuse medical treatment for their children.
- Parents should limit the amount of time their children spend on technology.
- Should alcohol be sold after 10 pm?
- Should fines be scaled depending on income?

- Unpaid internships should be against the law.
- Violent video games should be banned.