

Impromptu Speaking: The Climate Challenge

The Rules:

- **Prep Time:** 2 Minutes | **Speech Length:** 3 Minutes
- **The Formula:** AGD - Road Map - Evidence/Examples - Relevance Tie-back - Closing

Part 1: The Prompts (Choose One)

1. **"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."** – *Robert Swan*
 2. **"Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get."** – *Mark Twain* (Can be applied to people's personalities!)
 3. **The Social Climate:** How the "atmosphere" of a room or a country changes based on the people in it.
 4. **Adapt or Perish:** Why the ability to change with our environment is the most important human trait.
 5. **The Butterfly Effect:** How small changes in one part of a "climate" lead to massive effects elsewhere.
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Part 2: The Prep Sheet

Chosen Prompt: _____

I. THE INTRODUCTION

- Hook / AGD:

(Idea: Start with a vivid description of a storm or a moment of total calm.)

- **Road Map:** Today I will analyze this topic by looking at:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

II. THE BODY

- **Point 1:**

○ *Example:*

○ *Tie-back:* How does this link back to your chosen prompt?

- **Point 2:**

○ *Example:*

○ *Tie-back:* How does this link back to your chosen prompt?

- **Point 3:**

○ *Example:*

○ *Tie-back:* How does this link back to your chosen prompt?

III. THE CONCLUSION

- **Review Points:** Briefly summarize your 3 main arguments.
- **Closing Statement:**

(Make it impactful—leave the audience thinking about the "climate" of the future!)

Strategic Examples

- **Scientific Example (The Greenhouse Effect):** Discuss how small, invisible gases create massive changes. Use this to prove that **small actions matter**.
- **Historical Example (The Dust Bowl):** During the 1930s, the climate changed due to poor farming and drought. Use this to prove **the consequences of ignoring warning signs**.
- **Metaphorical Example (The "Climate" of a Locker Room):** In sports, a "toxic climate" can make a talented team lose, while a "positive climate" can make an average team win. Use this for the **Social Climate** prompt.
- **Business Example (Kodak or Nokia):** These companies failed to adapt to the "digital climate" of the 21st century. Use this for the **Adapt or Perish** prompt.