

The art of debating and the issue of Death penalty

art and power: traditionally, people have called argument any attempt that uses logic to incite a person to take action or to change an opinion or belief. Persuasion is considered to be the same call to action or to change an opinion or belief, but based on appealing to emotion and feeling. And sometimes it can have dramatic issues on people's life.

“Criminals do not die by the hands of the law. They die by the hands of other men.” — George Bernard Shaw, *Man and Superman*

“The death penalty is not about whether people deserve to die for the crimes they commit. The real question of capital punishment in this country is, Do we deserve to kill?” — Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*

	To what extend is persuasion an art?
At the end of the Unit, I will	- know more about the legal system in the USA - learn about the many greats lawful victories
What vocabulary will I need ?	- court - protest - opinion
What grammatical structure will I need ?	- expressing opposition - subjunctive
What documents will be used ?	<p>1- A Legal world 1a- Blind Justice : knowing more about Lady Justice 1b- Making Big Money, <i>The True Stella Awards</i>, Randy Cassingham, 2006 1c- The Story behind the True Stella Award, <i>stellaawards.com</i>, Randy Cassingham, 2020</p> <p>2- the Art of Debating 2a- Courtroom orators, <i>Where the Crowdads Sing</i>, Delia Owens, 2018 2b- 8 ways to win an argument, Professor Chris Reed www.bbc.co.uk 2c- How to win an argument, <i>britishcouncil.com</i>, Hitham Elhimmali 02 March 2017</p> <p>3- Memorable fights 3a- Emmeline Pankhurst's Freedom or death speech, Connecticut, 1913 3b- Sit-ins, <i>cutting edge in a war on bias</i>, Greensboro, N.C, 1960 3c- Brown v. Board of Education, 1954</p> <p>4- How does the U.S. Court system work? 4a- Supreme court explained: Video 1: The United States Supreme Court Explained In 2 Minutes Video 2: How Does The US Court System Work?</p>

	<p>4b- jury's role video 1 : Knowledge Seminar - Jury Service Overview video 2: The jury's role in a court trial - The Law in Your Life (by Éducaloi)</p> <p>4c- Racial issues: Video 1- Race and the Jury Video 2 Ohio Innocence Project Founder Mark Godsey Caste Baby, 1999</p> <p>5- 12 angry men, Sidney Lumet, 1957 5a- movie posters 5b- Juror ID 5c- Working sheet</p>
What will I learn about ?	<p>- the legal system in the US - how to try to seduce and persuade someone</p>
Final Task	You and your colleague will need to choose the best jury to defend your case and explain why you choose this jury

Instructions for your Final Task :

- 1- You will be given your role (prosecutor or lawyer) randomly
- 2- You will be given a partner randomly
- 3- Your case and jury members will be given randomly
- 4- You will have 30 minutes to choose and select the order of your jury and explain your reasons
- 5- You will have 20 minutes at most to reach an agreement with the defendant / prosecutor team.
- 6- The four of you will need to introduce us to your choice (your teacher being therefore called "Your Honor") and justify it in front of the public.
- 7- Your teacher will listen to all the groups randomly during the selection of the jury and grade your work during this group session.