

## Debating, a persuasive Art

*L'art du débat (axe 1, thème 3), Mise en scène de soi (Axe 2, thème 2)*

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, that might not be enough.

	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><b>1- A Legal world</b>            1a- The Usa Federal Court System            1b- England and Wales Legal System            1c- Courtroom orators, <i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i>, Delia Owens, 2018            1c- Making Big Money, <i>The True Stella Awards</i>, Randy Cassingham, 2006            1d- The Story behind the True Stella Award, <i>stellaawards.com</i>, Randy Cassingham, 2020</p> <p><b>2- the Art of Debating</b>            2a- 8 ways to win an argument, Professor Chris Reed <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk">www.bbc.co.uk</a>            2b- Taking part in a debate (manuel <i>Projects Terminale</i>, Didier, 2009)            2c- How to win an argument, <i>britishcouncil.com</i>, Hitham Elhimmali 02 March 2017            2d- The Owl and the Nightingale, anonymous, dated to 1189-1216</p> <p><b>3- the Art of Persuasion</b>            3a- Little Britain serie 1, episode 1, BBC 2003            3b- What women want (document 1, 2, 3 4)            3c- fighting for a future, Jodi Picoult, <i>My Sister's keeper</i>, 2004</p> <p><b>4- Memorable fights</b>            4a- Emmeline Pankhurst's Freedom or death speech, Connecticut, 1913            4b- Sit-ins, <i>cutting edge in a war on bias</i>, Greensboro, N.C., 1960            4c- Brown v. Board of Education, 1954</p>

	<p><b>5- Affirmative action : when persuasion is not enough</b></p> <p>5a- What is Affirmative Action? By Alicia W. Stewart, CNN , <i>Updated October 10, 2012</i></p> <p>5b- “It worked for me”, Bryan K. Fair, <i>Notes of a Racial Caste Baby</i>, 1999</p> <p>5c- The issues tackled by affirmative action</p> <p>5d- Is reservation action an affirmative action? Cartoon by Mike Keye for the Denver Post, 2003</p> <p>5d Why race-based affirmative action is still needed in college admissions, Valerie Strauss for the Washington Post, Jan 30 2022</p>
What will I learn about ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the legal system in the US</li> <li>- how to try to seduce and persuade someone</li> </ul>
Final Task	- you will enter a debate, the subject of which will be given to you randomly, just like your debating partner.

**Instructions for your Final Task :**

- 1- You will have no preparation time
- 2- You will be picked up randomly, as well as your partner
- 3- You will be given either a theme or a picture on which to base your arguments, which is linked to what you have studied in this Unit.
- 4- Your “opinion” will imposed to you, whether in favor or against: be ready to debate accordingly.
- 5- You will need to convince as many people in your class as possible.