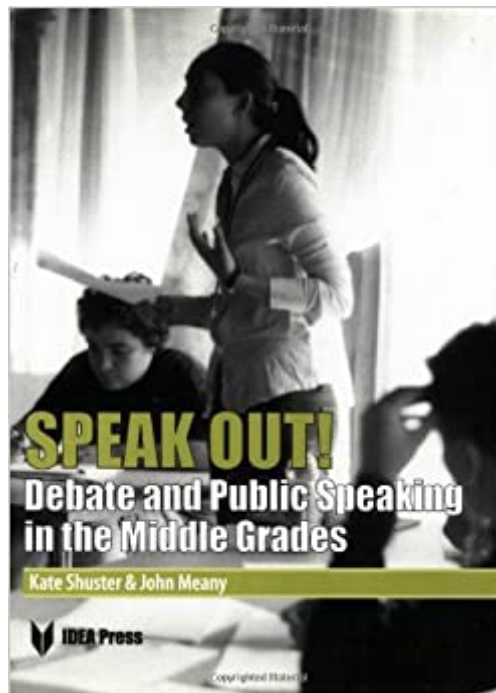




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# Speak Out! Debate And Public Speaking In The Middle Grades



## Synopsis

"Combining the practical and theoretical, *Speak Out!* teaches students the basics of public speaking, argumentation, and research, and helps them prepare for debate competitions and classroom debates. Exercises give students hands-on experience with important topics."

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## Customer Reviews

I'm teaching a co-op debate class and this book has been wonderful in covering everything I need to know and go over with the kids, highly recommend.

Purchased for school district. Since I didn't hear any complaints (which I would), I can only assume that teacher was happy with the item.

I like it and think it will be helpful for me prepare lessons for debate classes. New to debate so chapter questions helpful

I purchased the item for a friend of mine and my friend loved it and said that is very satisfied

Good book

*Speak Out!* is a well written book that is easy to read for anyone, young or old, that wants to

improve their critical thinking skills. Beginning debaters learn how to form good arguments and experienced debaters learn how to fine tune their points. It also helps the classroom teacher or debate coach teach logical and critical thinking skills in concrete, step-by-step ways. As a debate coach, this book helps me simplify basic debate techniques and advance returning debater's skills. As an art teacher, I teach my students how to find evidence within artworks to support their opinions...they have no idea they are being taught debate skills. Overall, this book benefits anyone who wants to improve their debate techniques or is working with people who are.

Speak Out! Debate and Public Speaking in the Middle Grades serves as a debate bible for the overworked innovative teacher. The authors do an excellent job of creating a user friendly book for both middle school students and their teachers. Although I have taught middle school debate for over ten years, I found myself saying "ah-ha" at an alarming rate while reading. When I think of this book, two things stand out the most. The book provides a number of creative activities aimed at giving students the opportunity to practice all of the fundamentals of debate. Secondly, the authors do a masterful job of addressing two of the most difficult concepts to teach, argumentation and refutation. Most of the books on debate I have encountered require a PhD. to understand the meat and potatoes of debate, argumentation and refutation, but Speak Out!...scaffolds these concepts and provides ample opportunity for student mastery. As a battle tested teacher that has been in the trenches for a number of years, Speak Out! is a breath of fresh air in today's stormy educational climate. My only regret is I wish I purchased a copy sooner.

I am a middle school teacher and debate coach. This is our textbook. I highly recommend it for all students considering debate as well as for parents who want to understand how it works and/or be more involved. Even if you do not have a debate team, teachers should use this a way of teaching their curriculum. The processes in the book teach about research, critical thinking, public speaking, note taking, and more. Sample topics related to middle school and high school history as well as other areas provide a great starting point for teachers. Parents, use these as a way to get your pre-teen and teenager talking. Also check out all of Kate Shuster's and John Meany's other books.

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