



Websites

What do you create?

Build a website around your climate change service project. Provide critical evidence and arguments from both sides of your public debate. Attract visitors and spread your message!

How many points can you earn?

1000 points (limit 2 - one for each debate side)

How do you earn points?

Get your school to host your website and then send us the URL over the [Upload Form](#). If your school cannot host your website, please email us at points@thepeoplespeak.org and we will help you find a solution.

What You will Need:

- A computer
- A server to host your page (if you can't find one, we'll help you!)
- Webpage software is nice, but not necessary

Step 1: Find a Host

Before you can begin, you'll need to find a secure server to host your website. Ask a school official if your school can host your site. If not, you may be able to find a local organization, university, or business that will allow you to use their server. If you can't find a server, email us at: points@thepeoplespeak.org and we'll help you!

Step 2: Choose Affirmative or Negative

Focus your website on either advocating for this spring's debate topic, or arguing against it. (You can earn points for a total of two (2) web-sites, so you could choose to create one of each!)

- In your debate, what became the major points of "clash" between the affirmative and negative positions? Focus on those key areas.
- Use your climate change service project as a starting point. What topics will you cover? What will you need to research?

Step 3: Get Ideas

Look at other websites to get ideas for your design.

- What caught your eye?
- What made the site easy to access?
- What resources are you familiar with that might provide interesting presentations on your website?

Step 4: If you are a first-time web designer, consult one of the websites below for step-by-step instructions.

- The process of building a website typically begins with a web page written in HTML (HyperText Markup Language). You can learn to write your page in HTML or you can find access to software packages that translate your work into that language. HTML is an exacting language that will not tolerate inaccuracies. When you finish composing the page in HTML, that page is not yet on the Internet at the URL you've identified.
- FTP (File Transfer Protocol) is used to move your work from your computer to a directory on the server you have chosen to use. HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol) is used to transfer the web page from the server in such a form that it can be displayed by the browser.

Step 5: Tell Your Friends!

Once your page is complete, tell your teachers and friends and invite them to visit the site. Ask visitors to give you feedback about what they liked and did not like about the page. Use their suggestions to improve your site.



Step 6: Do It Again!

You can earn points for setting up a site for the affirmative and a site for the negative, so don't stop after one! Showcase both sides of your climate change debate.

Get Others Involved

Show your site to public officials, politicians, farmers, people in the food business—anyone who will be affected by the effects of climate change. Show your site to elementary school classes or church groups. Share your knowledge!

Want to learn more? Check out these websites:

build-website.com

This site provides a step-by-step instruction for website building. If you are a first-time website designer, read each page carefully. Look for boxes and menus that allow you to click on topics you need to study. This site provides adequate instruction for you to build your site as well as suggestions for improving your design.

www.buildwebsite4u.com

This site is another good place to start. On the home page is a link to instructions for beginners. Although this site devotes space to money-making tips, your focus can be on the information about website design and function.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=2VmnsC-Nu-Y

<http://www.2createAWebSite.com>

Both of these YouTube sites provide instruction about website design. You will be given definitions for commonly used terms, instructions for domain names, and tips about creating your website. (If your computer cannot support video, you may have trouble watching these YouTube tutorials).