

2018 Hildene 8th Grade Lincoln Essay Competition Topics

Describe a current or recent event in which the actions of the participant(s) may be viewed as patriotic by some and as unpatriotic by others. Discuss the differing points of view. What is your position and why?

Climate March	Cake baker refusing to sell wedding cake to gays
Having to recite Pledge of Allegiance in schools	Opening national monuments to fracking & mining
Black Lives Matter	Decision to allow drilling in ANWR
President Trump	"Hamilton" cast addresses Pence
Voting	Middlebury protest of Charles Murray Banning
Patriot Act	Transgender people from serving in the military
Net neutrality	Trump's calling mainstream media "fake news"
Travel ban/Muslim ban	Allowing euthanasia
Allowing immigration DAPL	Changing laws to facilitate migrant workers
#MeToo, silence breakers	FL nightclub shooting
Border wall with Mexico	Lindsey Vonn not going to the White House
Removing Confederate statues	Edward Snowden
Removing Confederate flag	Feminism
Capital punishment	US participation in the Olympics if N. Korea does
Pride March turned Resist March	Gender wage gap
Protests women's rights in Iran req'd to wear hijab	Teaching climate change
Paid patriotism	Legalizing pot
Kneeling at games during national anthem	Forcing people to vote
Charlottesville Unite the Right rallyists	Fenway racism banners
Pro-DACA/Prohibiting deportation	Keystone XL
Gun laws	Right of transgenders to serve in the military
Westboro Baptist Church hate speech	Russia investigation by Mueller
Cliven Bundy vs the US Bureau of Land Mgmt	Freedom of speech, even if hate speech
Freedom of religious clothing in US military	NAFTA
Trump's climate change denial	NBA anti-Trump stance
Dropping "Rebel" as school mascot	Illegals as veterans --- citizenship
Women's March on DC	Disrespecting/stomping a flag
Ending war - guerilla FARC vs Columbian Gov't	Speaking out against President Trump
US wars overseas (Iraq and Afghanistan)	
Downsizing or eliminating national monuments/parks	