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Quarterly Speech #1 Outline

My topic: Advice to next year's sophomores

Brainstorm:

- Don't procrastinate
- Do your HW
- Go talk to your teachers if you need help
- Make friends with everyone
- Study daily
- Use your PLT time wisely
- Document your assignments
- Don't get mixed up in drama
- Try to take more honors courses to help your GPA
- Go to school!
- Don't date
- Use your resources more wisely

Hook/ Attention-Getter: Many freshmen wonder about how sophomore year is different than freshman year.

Link: With the experience of the sophomore class, there is enough advice to help next year's sophomores be successful at Freedom Area High School.

Thesis Statement: My advice to next year's sophomores is to study, stay away from drama, and use your resources.

Preview: By taking enough time to focus on academics, avoiding trouble and distractions, and spending time with people who can help you, it is easy to be successful during your sophomore year.

Topic Sentence #1: My first piece of advice to next year's sophomores is to study.

1. **Piece of evidence #1:** Do your HW and don't procrastinate

Explanation and source (if applicable):

- When students do their HW, it is a review of the material from the day and can help strengthen students' understanding of the material.
- Some subjects can be difficult to understand, such as Math or Biology, so doing the HW is another opportunity for students to review the material and become stronger in that subject area.

2. **Piece of evidence #2:** Use your resources and PLT wisely

Explanation and source (if applicable):

- During PLT, there are 30 minutes for students to get their work done and focus on the assignments from the day
- Wasting this precious time can be dangerous if students start to fall behind in a particular class
- Seeing teachers during PLT can improve your relationship with your teachers, helping them to understand your commitment to learning and doing well in that class
- Teachers are here for students and to help them, so this time in PLT is solely for that purpose
- There is also tutoring offered by NHS during PLT and other tutoring resources
- Guidance is also a resource for students who are struggling academically

Topic Sentence #2: Additionally, my advice to next year's sophomores is to **stay away from drama.**

3. **Piece of evidence #1:** Avoid drama

- There is always something dramatic going on in high school, especially with the increased use of social media

Explanation and source (if applicable):

- Avoiding drama with friends can help you stay healthy, on track with school work, and create a better overall high school experience
- When drama happens, a lot of the focus that is supposed to be on academics shifts to personal relationships and friendships falling apart
- Students spend their time both in and out of school trying to address the drama when they should be focused on academics instead

4. **Piece of evidence #2:** Make friends with everyone

Explanation and source (if applicable):

Topic Sentence #3: Moreover, my advice to next year's sophomores is to **use your resources**.

5. **Piece of evidence #1:**

Explanation and source (if applicable):

6. **Piece of evidence #2:**

Explanation and source (if applicable):

Reiterated Thesis Statement:

Final comment/thought to leave with your audience: