

Debate Format

Length: class period before spring break (45 mins) (Friday, March 15th)

Class split into 3 groups of 4 and one group of 5

List your group members and contact info in the following space:

Each group will debate one side of two different topics:

Side One: _____

Topic: _____

Side Two: _____

Topic: _____

Groups should meet at least once out of class!

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Opening statement – 60 seconds per side

2 questions from Moderator/ Audience (1 to each side)

Answer- 60 seconds

Rebuttal- 60 seconds

Re-rebuttal- 30 seconds

Closing statement- 60 seconds per side

Audience chooses winner

Questions to think about during group meetings out of class:

Who will give the opening / closing statements?

What are your main points?

Who will be the "experts" on certain points?

What citations / references can you use to bolster your argument?

What points might the opposing side make and how can you rebut them?

Try to evenly split the tasks so that one person does not do all the work.

Everyone in your group **MUST** participate in the debate in order to receive credit

Acceptable sources- books, online articles or organization websites, textbooks, journal databases (you can always find something at the library... the staff can be very helpful)

Make sure you get articles, books, or look at websites that are peer-reviewed, put out by experts, or published by a big publishing company.

Wikipedia is **NOT** a credible source! However, wikipedia may lead you to a source that is respectable.

GRADING: (equal weight given to each of the following)

- Attendance on debate day and participation in the debate

- Write-up