

Classroom Debate

A debate is where you take a side concerning an issue or topic and provide evidence to support your side. You will gather information about the topic in order to have a discussion about the pros and cons.



Debate Rules:

- **Each person in the group will have a role during the debate.**
- **The group will peacefully decide which role everyone will have.**
- **Time will be kept. Once time is up speaking needs to stop.**
- **No put downs or interruptions - Be respectful**
- **You must raise your hand if it's not your time to speak.**

Classroom Debate Format



Opening Statement

Present the main arguments in an introductory statement.



Topic Presentation

Present main arguments for the team.



Rebuttal

Answer the arguments of the other team. respond to every argument, using specific information to disprove them.



Closing Statement

Presents the closing arguments for the team.

Debate Planning

Opening Statement

Present the main arguments in an introductory statement. Do not give specific information.
Brainstorm 2-3 opening statements below:



Topic Presentation

Present main arguments for the team. gives specific details that support the claim.
Brainstorm 3-5 main arguments below:



Rebuttal

Answer the arguments of the other team. These presenters must take notes as the other team is presenting their arguments and respond to every argument, using specifics to disprove them.
Although you cannot fully plan for this - Brainstorm possible rebuttal statements:



Closing Statement

Presents the closing arguments for the team. Repeats the main idea for your claim.
Brainstorm 2-3 closing statements below:

