

DEBATE PREPARATION WORKSHEET

Gather the Team:

Each team will write down their name and their group role. Group roles may include: opening speaker, rebuttal speaker, concluding speaker, researcher, organizer, speech composer/editor, etc.

Name	Role	Name	Role

Your Team's Proposition		Your Team's Position (Pro or Con)	
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Gather the Receipts:

To successfully argue your point, you must have evidence that supports your claims. Do not include your personal opinions or experiences. Instead, select two primary sources from among the options provided to the class and locate three sources (two primary and one primary or secondary) through your own research. Make note of the title of each of your sources in the chart below:

Primary Source #1 from Teacher Selection	Title:
Primary Source #2 from Teacher Selection	Title:
Primary Source #3 from Your Research	Title:
Primary Source #4 from Your Research	Title:
Source #5 from Your Research	Title:

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REQUIRED: Reference Page On a separate piece of paper, provide a citation in APA 7th edition format for each of your sources plus 2-5 sentences describing what the source is and why it is important evidence to support your argument. Each team must include a reference page when they submit their materials at the end of the debate.

Gather Your Thoughts:

The debate structure will be as follows:

- Pro Team presents their **position**. (5 minutes)
- Con Team presents their **rebuttal**. (3 minutes)
- Con Team presents their **position**. (5 minutes)
- Pro Team presents their **rebuttal**. (3 minutes)
- Teams present **questions** to opponent teams. (5 minutes)
- Pro Team presents their **closing statement**. (1.5 minutes)
- Con Team presents their **closing statement**. (1.5 minutes)

Prepare for the debate by writing out what your team will say during each portion of the debate. You should also anticipate what the opposing team will be arguing for each portion of the debate as well. Use the following space to take notes. Use additional paper to write out what you plan to say for each section.

Your team's position (5 minutes)	
Your team's rebuttal (3 minutes)	
Questions to ask the opposing team (5 minutes for both teams)	
Closing Statement (1.5 minutes)	

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You should also anticipate what the opposing team will be arguing for each portion of the debate as well. Use the following space to make notes on what tactics you suspect your opponents might utilize.

Your opponent's position (5 minutes)	
Your opponent's rebuttal (3 minutes)	
Questions the opposing team might ask you (5 minutes for both teams)	
Opponent's Closing Statement (1.5 minutes)	

After your debate, remember to turn in the above worksheets plus your Reference Page!