

Debate Presentations

Each group of students will be assigned to a topic and to either the affirmative or negative position. Students are responsible for researching the topic and preparing to debate the issue. The groups should be prepared to present their side of the debate using the guidelines under procedures and times below. Students will be expected to speak for close to the allotted time for each speech. You can exceed the time limits by 15 to 30 seconds, but you will be cut off if you go beyond 30 seconds over the allotted times. Students should plan to split the speaking times among the group. Each student should make a significant contribution to the presentation of the debate.

Each Affirmative and Negative Team must provide at least two visuals to be shown during the speech.

Resolved: Jazz music was great for the healing of Europe after World War I.

Affirmative Team Members:

Negative Team Members:

Presentation Date:

Debate Procedures and Time Allotments

Attack affirmative position

First Affirmative Speech - 3 minutes

State and define the resolution

Present affirmative position with appropriate supporting evidence

Cross Examination by Second Negative - 2 minutes

Request clarification of evidence by asking questions of the First Affirmative Speaker

First Negative Speech - 3 minutes

Clarify terms in the resolution

Present negative position with appropriate supporting evidence

Attack affirmative position with time remaining

Cross Examination by First Affirmative - 2 minutes

Request clarification of evidence by asking questions of the First Negative Speaker

Second Affirmative Speech - 3 minutes

Restate and expand affirmative position with appropriate supporting evidence

Attack negative position

Cross Examination by First Negative - 2 minutes

Request clarification of evidence by asking questions of the Second Affirmative Speaker

Second Negative Speech - 3 minutes

Restate and expand negative position with appropriate supporting evidence

Cross Examination by Second Affirmative - 2 minutes

Request clarification of evidence by asking questions of the Second Negative Speaker

Rebuttal Preparation Time - 3 minutes

Negative Rebuttal by One or More Team Members - 4 minutes

Summarize major points of negative position without presenting new evidence

Point out major flaws in affirmative position

Affirmative Rebuttal by One or More Team Members - 4 minutes

Summarize major points of affirmative position without presenting new evidence

Point out major flaws in negative position