

In class debate

Name: _____

Position you are defending: _____

Format of the debate:

- Half an hour of prep time
- 2 minutes for each group for an opening statement.
- 5 minutes for each group to present objections to the opposing views.
- 5 minutes for each group to present responses to the objections.
- 2 minutes for each group to present a closing statement.

Rule: No one can speak more than once. So, e.g., if you present the opening statement you cannot also present an objection or a rebuttal.

During prep time, you should work together as a group to answer the following questions:

1. What is your view? Why should the jury believe it? (This is your opening statement.)

2. List two objections to each of the opposing views. What might your opponents say in response. Why shouldn't the jury find them convincing? (You'll use these in the objections stage of the debate.)

3. Anticipate two objections that might be made to your view. What would you say in response? (You'll use these in the rebuttal stage of the debate.)

Don't forget to make a plan regarding who is presenting during which stage of the debate.