

Debate Terms

Resolution: the main issue – always stated in the positive

Affirmative: argues the resolution – tries to prove it correct

Negative: argues against the resolution – tries to prove it incorrect

Constructive: a chance to explain your side

Cross Examination: each side will have a chance to question the other side after each constructive has been made

Rebuttal: a chance to refute the statements made by the other side and clear up any confusion surrounding own ideas

Debate Timeline

Phase:	Time:
Affirmative Constructive #1	2 min.
Cross Examination	1 min.
Negative Constructive #1	2 min.
Cross Examination	1 min.
Affirmative Constructive #2	2 min.
Cross Examination	1 min.
Negative Constructive #2	2 min.
Cross Examination	1 min.
Team Conference: Structure Rebuttal Arguments	3 min.
Negative Rebuttal #1	2 min.
Affirmative Rebuttal #1	2 min.
Negative Rebuttal #2	2 min.
Affirmative Rebuttal #2	2 min.

Debate Outline

Resolve: _____

Argument 1: _____

Support 1: _____

Support 2: _____

Argument 2: _____

Support 1: _____

Support2: _____

Argument 3: _____

Support 1: _____

Support 2: _____
