

SIMPLIFIED DEBATE FORMAT FOR THE CLASSROOM

Debating is a formal ritualized way of settling disagreements. Instead of yelling, fighting, etc, people prepare their arguments in a structured logical way and present them objectively. Just as important, they and their opponents are forced to anticipate and think about the other side's point of view, in order to prepare a response.

Rules of Format - Debate in the Classroom.

4 people: **PRO (for)**

4 people: **CON (against)**

Speakers deliver 2 minute, timed speeches in strict order.

NO extra time allowed.

Speakers Order (2 minutes each)

speakerorder	time	who	what	details
1	2 min	PRO	Introduction	Main thesis, we are going to show you, define topic
2	2 min	CON	Introduction	Main thesis, we are going to show you, define topic
3	2 min	PRO	List Proof	Supporting facts, statistics, quotes
4	2 min	CON	List Proof	Supporting facts, statistics, quotes
5	2 min	PRO	Rebuttal to other group	prepared counter arguments, quotes, facts, on your feet response to speakers 2 and 4
6	2 min	CON	Rebuttal to other group	counter arguments, quotes, facts, on your feet response to speakers 1 and 3
7	2 min	PRO	Final Summary	Last chance at re-rebuttal, summing up. last appeal
8	2 min	CON	Final Summary	Last chance at re-rebuttal, summing up. last appeal

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