

Debate

The debates will be given by two people together. The debates will run for 10 minutes, meaning that each person will speak for about 5 minutes.

- Groups of two will choose a topic, and each person will choose a side of that argument (pro/con).
- We will decide groups and topics during class time. Topics can't be changed once they are chosen unless you ask me.
- The point of the debate is to try to convince other people in the class that your side is correct.

The 10-minute debates will follow roughly this schedule:

- 1 minute: Pro introduction
- 1 minute: Con introduction
- 1 minute: Pro rebuttal
- 1 minute: Con rebuttal
- 2 minute: Pro cross-examination and explanation of points.
- 2 minute: Con cross-examination and explanation of points.
- 1 minute: Pro concluding statements.
- 1 minute: Con concluding statements.

Before the day of the debate, we will have several practice debates:

- Thursday, August 9: Topic discussion, Full-class debate preparation
- Monday, August 13: Full-class debate
- Thursday, August 16: Individual debate practice with your partner
- Monday, August 20: Debates