

Debate Assignment

Process:

1. Four students will do each debate.
2. Choose an issue from the list below or get approval for another issue.
3. Choose a date for your debate. There will be a signup sheet posted tomorrow.
4. Each group of four students will divide into debate pairs and will decide which pair will take which side of the issue.
5. **Each pair will prepare a brief written opening statement for their debate and a list of at least 10 arguments with supporting facts. The opening statements and ten arguments must be on paper.**
6. **Each pair will turn in their opening statements and 10 arguments with supporting facts at the conclusion of the debate.**

Debate Content:

1. Each side will read their **opening statement** which will briefly outline their position on the issue.
2. After the opening statements, one the side will make one of their 10 arguments and the other side will have a chance to respond.
3. The other side will then make their first argument and the opposing side will have a chance to respond.
4. The two sides will continue going back and forth until they have used all their arguments.
5. Students in the audience will then be able to ask questions of either side or express their own opinions.

Grading: 100 Point Assignment. Each student will get their own grade based on their performance during the debate.

Possible Debate Topics:

Death Penalty

Climate Change (Global Warming)

Abortion

Legal Immigration (For or against restricting **legal** immigration)

Building a wall on the Southern Border

Lowering the drinking age to 18

Prayer in Schools (This means everyone reciting out loud the same prayer together in a public school like Bonita)

Animal Rights (For or against using animals for research and/or testing cosmetics)

Nuclear Power

Legalization of Marijuana

Legalization of all Recreational Drugs

Gun Control

Gay Marriage

Flag Burning

Dress Code