

Liz.Laz.Ler Debate Format 2012

- Date:** Monday, November 5th in class
- Groups:** In pairs
- Length:** 20 minutes per debate
- Structure:** Moderated by Liz, Laszlo, or Andrew
- Questions:** Self-generated & teacher modified
- Materials:** 5 index cards with notes

	Claim	Response	Counter Response
Opening Statement	Debater A 1-2 minutes	Debater B 1-2 minutes	- - N/A - -
Question 1	Debater A 1 minute	Debater B 1 minute	Debater A 1 minute
Question 2	Debater B 1 minute	Debater A 1 minute	Debater B 1 minute
Question 3	Debater A 1 minute	Debater B 1 minute	Debater A 1 minute
Question 4	Debater B 1 minute	Debater A 1 minute	Debater B 1 minute

Closing Statement	Debater A 1 minute	Debater B 1 minute	- - N/A - -
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Name: _____

Grading Rubric: 25 Points

Presentation

Category	Description	Points
Format	Debater made responses using the appropriate time limit.	/ 2
Body Language	Debater used professional body language while addressing peers, audience, and moderator.	/ 2
Attire	Debater dressed according to acceptable professional attire.	/ 2
Debate Style	Debater used professional language and articulated thoughts clearly.	/ 2

Content

Category	Description	Points
Opening Statement	Debater clearly articulates a strong thesis and main argument points during introduction.	/ 3
Preparation & Knowledge	Debater appears knowledgeable of topic and presents clear understanding of arguments both for and against.	/ 4
Use of Evidence	Debater supports claims with accurate and convincing evidence.	/ 3

Responses	Debater remained within the scope of the question during responses, making statements that strengthen their argument.	/ 4
Closing Statement	Debater summarizes and reinforces thesis statement using evidence and / or arguments presented during the debate.	/ 3

Debate Topic: _____

Pro Debater: _____ Con Debater: _____

Question 1: _____

Question 2: _____

Question 3: _____

Question 4: _____

Question 5: _____

Question 6: _____

Question 8: _____

Question 9: _____