

Scoring Rubric Debate

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Content and Treatment of Topic	Point of view clearly stated and presented both explicitly and implicitly	Point of view clear and strongly presented	Point of view and topic clearly stated	Point of view or topic not treated or discernable
	Evidence of critical thinking and novel ideas	Focus consistent	Focus on point of view	Point of view stated without evidence
	Novel and extended ideas in support of the topic	Each main idea supports the point of view	May include some digressions	
		Evidence of critical thinking		
Arguments and Evidence	Abundant points of evidence	Several points of evidence	One or two points of evidence	Evidence lacking
	Evidence strongly logical and supported by research, including direct citations	Evidence logical and research-supported	Evidence logical or research-supported	Evidence based on personal opinion or flawed logic
	Both apparent and unexpected counterarguments considered and answered	Evidence factually sound	Counterarguments not considered or answered	
		Readily apparent counterarguments considered and answered		
Organization and Clarity	Evidence and main ideas presented in logical sequence	Evidence and main ideas presented in logical sequence	Evidence connected to topic or point of view	Organization scattered or incoherent
	Point of view stated in opening and closing with smooth transitions into evidence	Point of view and topic stated in opening and closing	Content of speech in complete, standard sentences	Content of speech sloppy and informal
	Content of speech clear and eloquently stated	Content of speech clear and easily understood		
Presentation and Conduct	Format of debate supports point of view	Format of debate supports point of view	Content and speech conforms to agreed-upon format	Content and speech deviates from agreed-upon format
	Speech clear, natural, and compelling	Speech clear, audible, and natural	Speech clear and audible	Conduct personal/ impolite
	Debate restricted to topic and arguments; acknowledges and considers opponents' points	Debate restricted to the topic and to the arguments of opponents	Debate restricted mostly to topic; responds to redirection	Speech inaudible/ unintelligible