

THE STRUCTURE OF A FORMAL DEBATE

	Affirmative team (team A)		Opposing team (team O)
intro part 1	Person A1 presents some arguments (3-5 mins)	listen	Team O takes notes on team A's arguments
listen	Team A takes notes on team O's arguments	intro part 1	Person O1 presents some arguments (3-5 mins)
intro part 2	Person A2 presents some more arguments (3-5 mins)	listen	Team O takes notes on team A's arguments
listen	Team A takes notes on team O's arguments	intro part 2	Person O2 presents some more arguments (3-5 mins)
<p align="center">1st recess or “team huddle” (5 mins)</p> <p align="center">Talk with your team about how you are going to directly address (attack) what the other team has said in the introduction and try to logically pick their arguments apart</p>			
attack	Person A3 directly addresses team O's arguments from the introduction and shows how they are not logical / not valid (3-5 mins)	listen	Team O takes notes on team A's attack
listen	Team A takes notes on team O's attack	attack	Person O3 directly addresses team A's arguments from the introduction and shows how they are not logical / not valid (3-5 mins)
<p align="center">2nd recess or “team huddle” (5 mins)</p> <p align="center">How are you going to address the other team's attack of your arguments (defense).</p>			
the end	Person A4 makes any final rebuttals and a conclusion (3-5 mins)	the end	Person O4 makes any final rebuttals and a conclusion (3-5 mins)

35 - 50 mins, depending on how many people are in each group

Web sites to look at:

<http://intelligencesquaredus.org>

<http://www.debate.org/debates/>