

Introduction

How do we make smart decisions about AI?

In this workshop, students (8-12) develop critical thinking skills by debating complex topics like AI surveillance and chatbots. They learn to research facts, listen to opposing views, and speak with confidence!

Key Goals

- **Research:** Finding evidence.
- **Argue:** Persuasive speaking.
- **Listen:** Respectful rebuttal.
- **Decide:** Ethical thinking.

Resources

- **Guides:** Debate Infographic.
- **Tools:** Rubrics & Forms.
- **Tech:** Padlet for voting.
- **Pres:** Intro PPT.



Debate

Critical Thinking & AI



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Target Group: 8-12 y.o.
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Learning Outcomes

Knowledge:

- Understanding AI risks/benefits.
- Debate structure.

Skills:

- Public speaking.
- Distinguishing fact vs. opinion.

Values

- Respectful dialogue.
- Digital citizenship.
- Open-mindedness.

1. Preparation

Research: Teams use safe sources to find facts supporting their side (Affirmative or Negative). **Topics:** "Should schools use AI cameras?" "Are Chatbots good for homework?"

2. The Debate

Rounds:

- **Constructive:** Making the case.
- **Crossfire:** Asking questions.
- **Rebuttal:** Defending arguments.

3. Evaluation

Judging: Using a rubric to score arguments and evidence quality.

Reflection: "What was the strongest argument you heard today?"