

Lesson Plan – Introduction to Debate

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Themes:
(Highlight selected ones)

- Children & Family
- School/Education
- Health & Wellness
- Philosophy/Ethics
- History & Culture
- Social Issues
- Global Politics/IR
- Big Tech & A.I.
- Media & Journalism
- Economics
- Environmental
- Sports

Key Learning Focus
(Highlight selected ones)

- Confidence
- Delivery/Style
- Empathy
- Critical-thinking
- Quick-thinking
- Problem-solving
- Creativity
- Collaboration

Debate Skill
(Highlight selected ones)

- Claim
- Warrant
- Impact
- Research
- Refutation
- Advanced Strategies
- Remarks (specify other skills):
Structure

Materials:	❖ PPT https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xLNX6YoGrZAVBUh6qxwnMILOUDrCiLr4f7jw2gGGsE4/edit#slide=id.g2f3ffa1e492_0_234	
Time Allocation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Argument Construction (ARES) - 20 minutes - Weighing - 10 minutes - Drill Session - 20 minutes - Debate Drill (Construct 1 Argument) - 20 minutes 	
Lesson Run-through:	Argument Construction	
Details:	Argument Construction – A.R.E.S	A.R.E.S <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assertion/Idea 2. Reason/Analysis 3. Evidence/Case study 4. Significance/Impacts

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assertion: The claim or outcome (eg. Reducing Poverty) ● Reason: Explain why your claim is valid ● Evidence: Provide proof to support your assertion ● Significance: Explain how your point affects others, such as what is the impact on stakeholders. (maybe something good that happens if your argument is followed or something bad that happens if your argument is ignored) <p>EXAMPLE Motion: THW ban smoking in Hong Kong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assertion: This will save the city money. ● Reason: Smoking leads to many health problems that cause people to need care in the HK public healthcare system. ● Evidence: According to the CDC, “For every person who dies because of smoking, at least 30 people live with a serious smoking-related illness. Smoking causes cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung diseases, diabetes, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis.” ● Significance: If HK bans smoking, less people will suffer from these horrible diseases, thus reducing the amount of patients needing care in the HK public healthcare system. This will save the city lots of money, as well as making care more accessible in a reasonable amount of time for those who need it.
	Weighing	<p>Weighing: Explain why this outcome is superior to other potential outcomes.</p> <p>EXAMPLE Motion: THW ban smoking in Hong Kong</p> <p>Weighing: This outcome is important because when the city has more money, they can spend on improving the overall quality of life of everyone within the city through scholarships for the poor, free healthcare for the needy etc.</p>
	Drill Session	<p>Motion: THW Ban Alcohol</p> <p>Have student s use A.R.E.S.W and make an argument on the aforementioned topic. The aim of this drill is to make sure that the students understand the difference between all. This drill allows them to better understand this structure and enables them to use this structure usefully in debates.</p>

Debate Practice Vocabulary	<u>Motion:</u> This house as schools will ban all contact sports (e.g. boxing, rugby)	<i>Task: Establish as many arguments on the given topic using A.R.E.S.W and present Infront of the class</i>
		<i>Instructions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>Brainstorm and present your arguments to the class.</i>
Vocabulary: Significance, Evidence, Arguments, Contact Sports		

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