

# SPAR Debate Preparation Worksheet

**Resolution:** "Machines and AI systems can create genuine works of art"

**Team Member Names:**

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**Your Position (circle one):** AFFIRMATIVE (Yes, they can) / NEGATIVE (No, they cannot)

## Quick Brainstorm (5 minutes)

What aspects of art creation support or challenge your position?

1. Creative Process: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Artistic Intent: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Cultural Impact: \_\_\_\_\_

## Main Arguments Development (10 minutes)

**Argument 1: Nature of Creativity**

- \* Your claim: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Concrete example: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Expected counterargument: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Your response: \_\_\_\_\_

**Argument 2: Artistic Process**

- \* Your claim: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Concrete example: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Expected counterargument: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Your response: \_\_\_\_\_

**Argument 3: Cultural/Social Impact**

- \* Your claim: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Concrete example: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Expected counterargument: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Your response: \_\_\_\_\_

## Cross-Examination Questions (10 minutes)

### Questions About Creative Process:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions About Artistic Intent:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions About Cultural Impact:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## Final Focus Planning (5 minutes)

### Key Points to Emphasize:

1. Strongest argument about creativity: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Most compelling example: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Most effective counter to opposition: \_\_\_\_\_

## Time Management

### Constructor Speech (3 mins):

- Define key terms (art, creativity, machine)
- Present main arguments
- Provide specific examples

### Cross-Examination (3 mins):

- Challenge definitions
- Question assumptions
- Probe for inconsistencies

### Rebuttal (2 mins):

- Address opponent's key points
- Defend your definition of art
- Reinforce examples

### Final Focus (2 mins):

- Return to core question
- Emphasize strongest evidence
- Connect to broader implications

## Notes During Debate

Use this space to track opponent's arguments and plan responses:

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## Evaluation Criteria

You will be judged on:

- Clarity of definition (what constitutes “art”)
- Quality of examples
- Logical consistency
- Handling of counterarguments
- Understanding of both technology and art