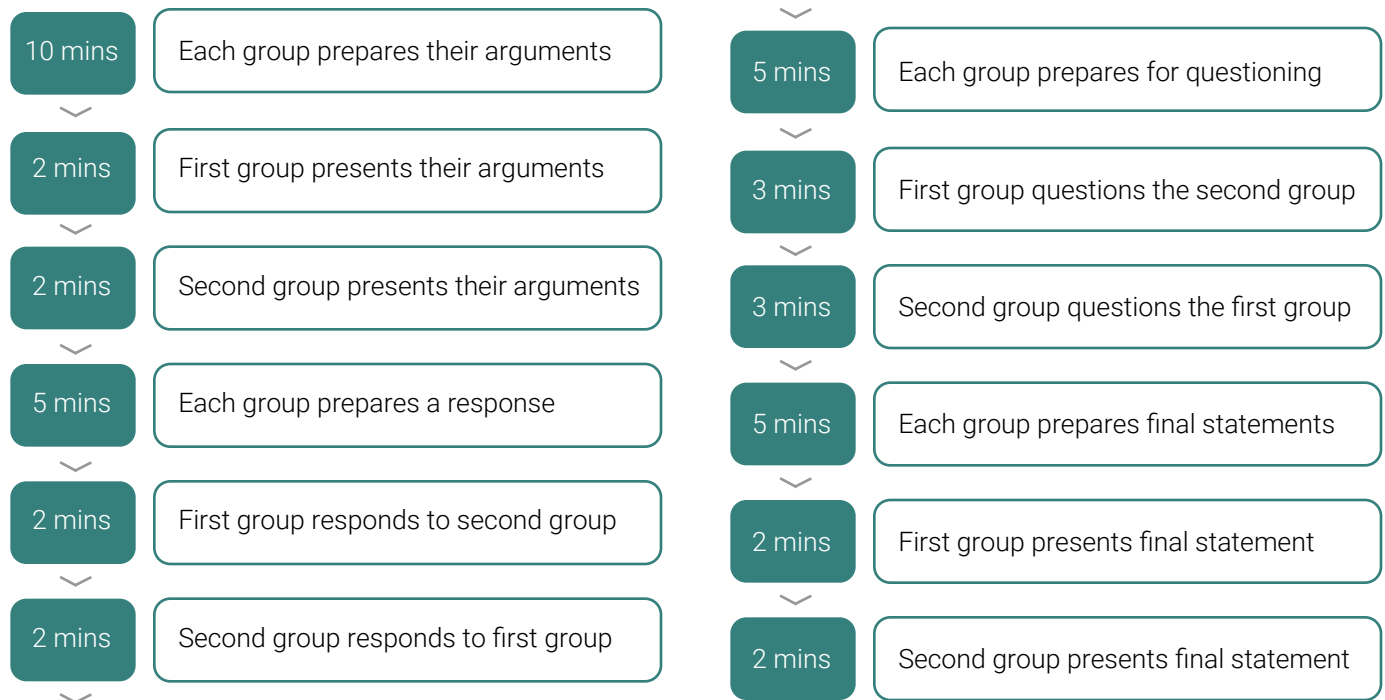


SHOULD THE U.S. BE A SEPARATE COUNTRY?

Debate guidelines:

Flip a coin to see which side will present first. Then, follow the structure laid out below. Remember to use facts in your arguments!



Research facts in Front Row articles as well as using outside resources to support the claims below:

Yes

We should not be taxed without having someone represent us in the British government. This is a right all British citizens have.

The British have taken away colonial governments which causes confusion and takes away our ability to have order.

Britain is mostly interested in making money from us, and it does not have our best interests in mind.

We are required by law to house British soldiers, and this violates our rights to our own property.

The colonies are restricted to trading with only the British, which means we can not trade with other countries that could be better for us.

No

Britain has the biggest army in the world, and we have no real army. How can we expect to win against them?

We have beneficial trade relationships with the British, and if we become our own country, it could hurt our economy.

Britain spent a lot of money to protect us in the French and Indian War, and we should be willing to help pay for it.

Fighting against Britain is like a Civil War. Many of our friends and family live in Britain.

The colonies are small and very new. Not having Britain to protect us means we are vulnerable to attacks by Native Americans and other countries.

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What facts will support your side?

How can you respond to the other side?

What questions can you ask the other side?

What do you think the other side will ask you?