

Debate Participation Assignment

This assignment evaluates your involvement in live debates and discussions conducted during class. Your performance will be assessed based on the following criteria:

Active Engagement

- Actively participate in the scheduled debates by sharing your thoughts and contributing relevant points.
- Your contributions should be meaningful and on-topic.
- If you are the **Initial Debater**:
 - Present strong, well-prepared arguments either for or against the proposal.
- If you are in the **Rebuttal** role:
 - Effectively challenge the opposing side's arguments with logical counterpoints.

Quality of Arguments

- Your arguments will be evaluated based on:
 - **Clarity**: Are your points easy to understand?
 - **Coherence**: Do your arguments logically follow each other?
 - **Persuasiveness**: Do your arguments convincingly support your position?
- Preparation is key to ensure that your arguments are strong and well-structured.

Interaction with Peers

- Engage with your classmates' arguments in a respectful and constructive manner.
- Listen carefully, respond thoughtfully, and build on or refute their points productively.
- Your ability to contribute to a positive and intellectually stimulating debate environment will be a crucial part of your grade.

Roles in the Debate

You will be assigned one of the following roles: - **Affirmative Initial Debater**: Present the main arguments in favor of the proposal. - **Affirmative Rebuttal**: Respond to the opposing side's arguments, defending your position and challenging their points. - **Against Initial Debater**: Present the main arguments against the proposal. - **Against Rebuttal**: Respond to the affirmative side's arguments, defending your position and challenging their points.

Grading

- You will be graded on a **complete/incomplete** basis.
- To receive a "complete" grade, you need to:
 - Demonstrate preparation and readiness before the debate.
 - Actively participate with relevant and high-quality contributions.
 - Engage respectfully and constructively with your peers during the debate.

Preparation Tips

- **Research your topic** thoroughly to have a strong foundation for your arguments.
- **Plan your main points** and possible counterarguments in advance.
- **Practice** articulating your arguments