

Collaborative Group Debate

Step 1: State your argument or position using the sentence starters below.

We strongly believe **Walter has the best idea of how to use the insurance money** because **(insert your group's opinion and evidence from the text)**.

Step 2: Create a counter-argument against two other groups.

We understand the position of our colleagues who think **Ruth has the best idea**, but we think this is not the best position because **(insert your group's opinion and evidence from the text)**.

Similarly, we believe the position of our teammates, who think **Beneatha has the best idea**, is not the best position because **(insert your group's opinion and evidence from the text)**.

Step 3: Practice saying each statement out loud in your small group. Give each other feedback. For example, "Your voice was loud and clear, and your pacing was not too fast or slow." Everyone must practice at least once. Everyone must have a chance to practice, even if they are not presenting to the class.

Step 4: Round 1: Present your argument or position to the class during Round 1. Choose one person to present your main argument.

Step 5: Round 2: Present your counter-arguments to the class during Round 2. Choose two different teammates to present your counter-arguments.

Step 6: Round 3: You will have 3 minutes to prepare a 1-minute rebuttal. Choose a different person to present your rebuttal.

Our colleagues have stated _____,
but we believe _____

Step 7: Write a reflection below.

- Which group was most effective and why?
- How can your group improve in the future?