

Debate Assignment

Public speaking skills are very important for future success. In this course you will be required to participate in five (5) debates. **YOU MUST DRESS PROFESSIONALLY FOR THE ORAL DEBATE!** (Gentleman must wear a collared shirt and tie, ladies no blue jeans!) Ask questions if you do not know what "Professional dress means!" **Part of your oral presentation grade is based on professional appearance so dress nice!**

You must prepare **a written and oral argument** supporting your ideas about the debate issue. Debate writing is different from literary analysis. **DO NOT USE PRONOUNS.** Please prepare a research paper to support your argument in MLA format with a work cited page. Check schoology often to see what the debate topics are for the week and the due date. Your written response needs to be printed out and turned in after oral presentations or **submitted to Schoology before the due date.**

Grading – 100 points for the written argument, 50 points for the oral presentation.

Debate Requirements

- a. Place a heading in the top left hand corner of paper. **(Written paper - 100 points).**
- b. **Five** well written paragraphs in accordance with the standard requirements from the Language Arts teacher. Each paragraph is 5-7 well written sentences.
 1. 1 Introduction paragraph. **State your thesis!** **A thesis is your argument that you are presenting.**
 2. 3 well written paragraphs supporting your opinion, ideas, facts, etc...PLEASE CITE YOUR SOURCES WITHIN YOUR WRITING! FOR EXAMPLE....*"according to Robert Jones in the American Journal of medicine, he states"* Citing an academic source in your writing strengthens your point of view!
 3. 1 Concluding paragraph. **RESTATE YOUR THESIS!**
 4. Work Cited page.
- c. Present your ideas to the class **(Oral Presentation - 50 Points).**