



Debate Prep Worksheet

ELA, History, Humanities, Grades 6 - 12

Assignment Objectives

- Students will plan and prepare for a debate on a topic assigned by the teacher.
- Students will get feedback throughout the process by working with Paper Live Help tutors.

Teacher Instructions

- Assign a topic for debate and split the class into two opposing sides. Students can work alone, with a partner, or in groups with this worksheet.
- Students can conduct their own research or use provided resources for their research.
- Throughout the process, students will work with Paper Live Help tutors for feedback.

Ideas for Use

- Ideal for Language Arts or history classrooms.
- Pair with current events or have students pick their own debate topics.
- When the worksheet is done, students could put their opening statement, arguments, and closing statements on notecards and conduct an in class debate.

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Which Side Are You On?	Debate Topic:		
For / Against			
Step 1: Conduct research on both sides of the issue, take notes below.			
Evidence My Side Could Use		Evidence The Other Side Could Use	
Step 2: Log on to Paper Live Help, review the evidence with a tutor and work with them to develop two main arguments that can be supported by the facts you found.			
Argument #1		Argument #2	
Supporting Evidence A	Supporting Evidence B	Supporting Evidence A	Supporting Evidence B

Step 3: Using the research you gathered, predict what arguments the other side might make.

Other Side Potential Argument #1

Other Side Potential Argument #2

Step 4: Plan what evidence you will use to counter the potential arguments of the other side.

Counter Argument #1

Supporting Evidence #1

Counter Argument #2

Supporting Evidence #2

Step 5: Log on to Paper Live Help and review all arguments, counter arguments, and evidence. Take notes on the feedback they provide and revise if needed.

Notes on Feedback from My Tutor

Step 6: Create your opening and closing statements with a Paper Live Help Tutor. Log on to Paper and create your statements with a tutor.

The opening statement should give a clear main argument and a preview of the supporting arguments you will make. The closing statement should review your arguments and acknowledge counter arguments and evidence you have.

Opening Statement

Closing Statement