

Debate Proposal Criterion B

Each debate pair will need to have a unique topic. No repeats with other pairs in the same class.

Check out the [Meridian Databases](#). High School password: 3duc*t3. Mrs. MacFarland recommends *ProQuest SIRS Discoverer* issues. Citation information will be in the article for all databases.

Also, see some lists to help you:

- [NSDA Current Topics](#)
- [Past Public Forum Resolutions](#): I included some of the below in this document. (based on policy)
- [Policy Resolutions](#): See below (based on policy)
- [Lincoln-Douglas Debate Topics](#): See below (based on value)
- Some other lists of controversial topics
 - <https://libguides.umflint.edu/topics/current>
 - <https://www.procon.org/debate-topics/>
 - <https://southern.libguides.com/c.php?g=612911&p=4258182>

List 3 Topics That Interest You As a Pair

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Agree on a controversial topic in your group and conference with Mrs. MacFarland. What is your final topic?

Insert text

- **Write a resolution for your topic.**
 - Example of a resolution for a value debate:
 - *In the United States criminal justice system, plea bargaining is just.*
 - Example of a resolution for a policy debate
 - *The United Kingdom should rejoin the European Union.*

Insert text

Brainstorm and research what the pros and cons are of your topic. Check out [Building Strong Arguments webpage](#) to see an example.

Affirmative Position Contentions (Main Points)	Negative Position Contentions (Main Points)
1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.

Example

Inquiry Question: Do the benefits of artificial intelligence outweigh the risks?

PRO's Resolution: Yes, artificial intelligence has the potential to improve society

CON's Negation: No, artificial intelligence poses a number of risks that could worsen over time.

Inquiry Question

Pro Resolution

Con's Negation

Assign Roles

Affirmative

Your name

Negative

This will be the format of the debate.

Speech Format

AFF Constructive (AC)

4 minutes

NEG Constructive (NC)

4 minutes

Crossfire (Both)

This is where you can ask each other questions to clarify or challenge each other's arguments.

3 minutes

AFF Rebuttal (AR)

4 minutes

NEG Rebuttal (NR)

4 minutes

CRITERION B: ORGANIZATION

i. makes minimal use of organizational structures though these may not always serve the context and intention		i. makes adequate use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention		i. makes competent use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention		i. makes sophisticated use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention	
ii. organizes opinions and ideas with a minimal degree of coherence and logic		ii. organizes opinions and ideas with some degree of coherence and logic		ii. organizes opinions and ideas in a logical manner, with ideas building on each other		ii. effectively organizes opinions and ideas in a sustained, coherent and logical manner with ideas building on each other in a sophisticated way	
iii. makes minimal use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style that may not always be suitable to the context and intention.		iii. makes adequate use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style suitable to the context and intention.		iii. makes competent use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style suitable to the context and intention.		iii. makes excellent use of referencing and formatting tools to create an effective presentation style.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8