

DEMOCRATIC SKILLS: Having a Debate

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Directions: Follow the steps below to learn more about the democratic skill of having a debate.

Step 1: Video source

Watch [this video](#) and answer the corresponding questions.

Why do we have debates?

What skills do you need to develop in order to debate effectively?

Step 2: Reflect

Answer the following question.

What makes a strong argument?

Step 3: Analyzing arguments

Read [this article](#) and answer the corresponding questions.

Write your own example for two types of logical fallacies.



Which of these logical fallacies do you think you would be most likely to fall for during a debate? Why?

Which of these logical fallacies have you used before in making an argument?

Step 4: Studying civility

Watch these two videos and answer the corresponding questions.

[Video #1](#)

[Video #2](#)

What does “civility” look like in the context of a debate or discussion?

Why is civility important for democracy?

