

Debate Format

You will be teamed with members of your study group. Be sure to coordinate with your partners on the following:

- Working in pairs, each pair should select **at least 2 articles, one from the pro side and one from the con side**, and they should be different from the other partners. Make sure you coordinate this.
- Select at least 3 facts and 3 expert opinions that support the side of the issue.
- Have a collection of facts and opinions that are different from your other partners.
- *Each will copy/paste essential information and SIRS citations from the articles to separate sheets of paper*
- Have sufficient information for a 2 to 3-minute presentation

Evaluating the Debate

There will be both a teacher and a student evaluation of each debate. The teacher evaluation includes all the student work involved in the debate including the research, organization, and presentation. .

Your fellow students will judge the winning side in the debate. This does not necessarily affect your teacher evaluation.

All members of the study must participate in the debate.

The debate includes presentations by both you and your partners and also the opposing study group. You and your partners must also be prepared for a series of 3 ***Crossfires*** that give you the opportunity to question each other between presentations.

Round 1

- Team A Speaker **1** – 3-minute limit (make logical points for your side of the issue)
- Team B Speaker **1** – 3-minute limit (your opponent makes opposing points)
- Each side makes notes to prepare questions for the first *Crossfire*
- Timeout – 1 minute (Create the questions for the *Crossfire*)
- *Crossfire* (between **A1 & B1**) – 2-minute limit (use the questions you created from the Timeout)

Round 2 (Same instructions as for Round 1)

- Team A Speaker **2** – 3-minute limit
- Team B Speaker **2** – 3-minute limit
- Timeout – 1 minute
- *Crossfire* (between **A2 & B2**) 2-minute limit

Round 3

- Timeout – 2 minutes (you and your partner should decide only the most important points to present)
- **A1** summary -- 1 minute limit
- **B1** summary -- 1 minute limit
- *Grand Crossfire* (all speakers) -- 3 minute limit

Round 4

- Timeout – 2 minutes (you and your partner should decide on the most important point for your side and any glaring weakness in your opponents' arguments)
- **A2** Last Shot -- 1 minute limit
- **B2** Last Shot -- 1 minute limit

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