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- Speak with passion and excitement

**As someone moves to the podium to speak, everyone will give them a drum roll on your desks.**



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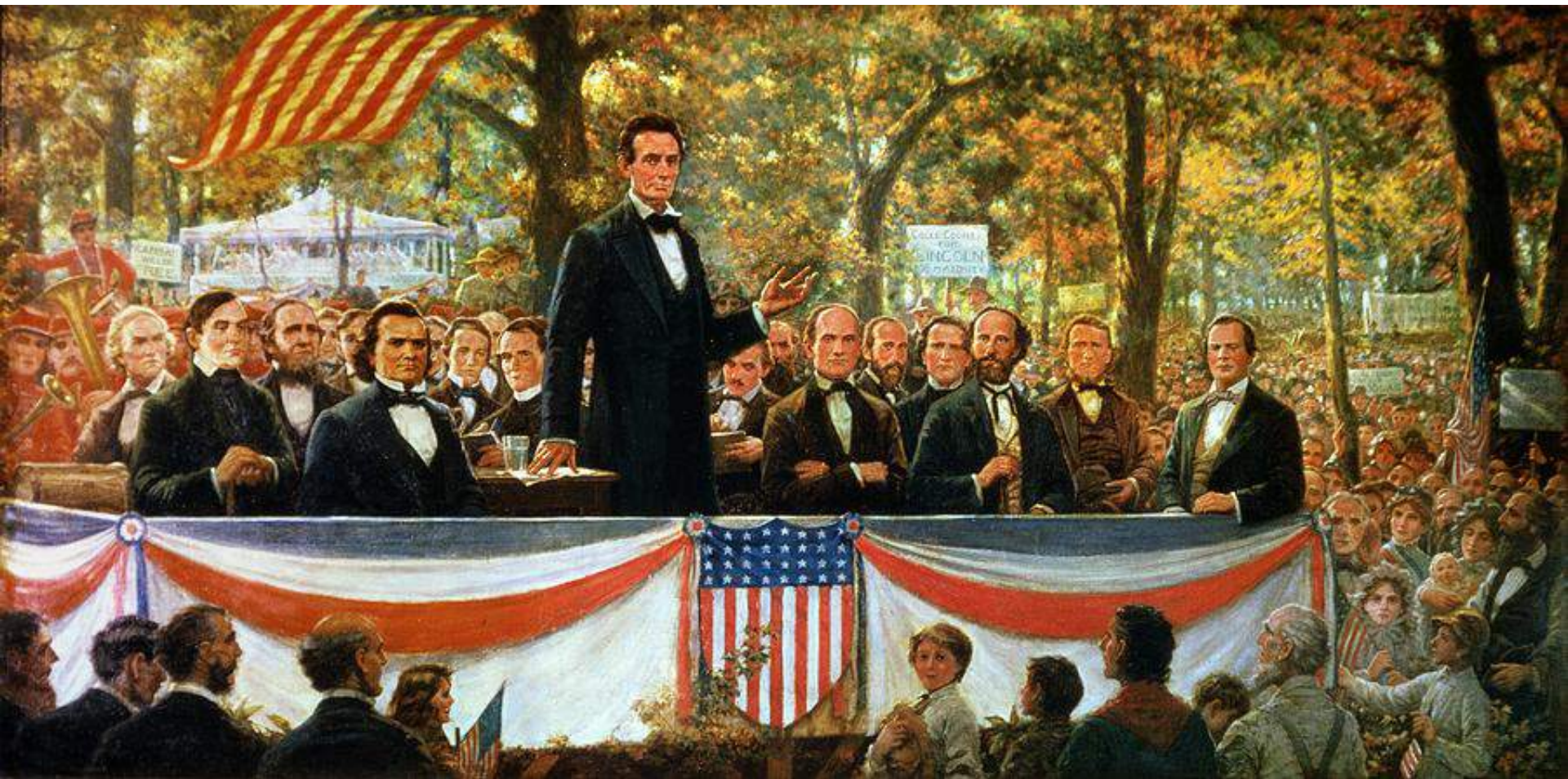
**Be prepared to come up when it is your turn. Don't fumble around looking for your notes, etc...**



It takes away from your amount of time, and it also takes away from the impact that your statement/rebuttal is supposed to make. This image is courtesy of [pinterest.com](https://www.pinterest.com)



When you are speaking, **have your head up and look at your audience**, **don't only have your head down reading your notes**.



**Try to say what you want to say as much in your own words as possible.** This image shows a scene from the fourth Lincoln-Douglas Debate in Charleston, Illinois, on September 18, 1858. Abraham Lincoln is speaking. Senator Stephen A. Douglas is seated to the left of Lincoln. This image was created by Robert Marshall Root (1863-1937). This image is courtesy of [art-now-and-then.blogspot.com](http://art-now-and-then.blogspot.com).



When you make your one minute statement, or your rebuttal, don't just give us facts, or stories. Inform us how the facts and stories help to support your position, or to discredit the opposition's position.



Just standing up and spouting off facts without context is not very effective. This image is courtesy of [politifact.com](https://www.politifact.com).

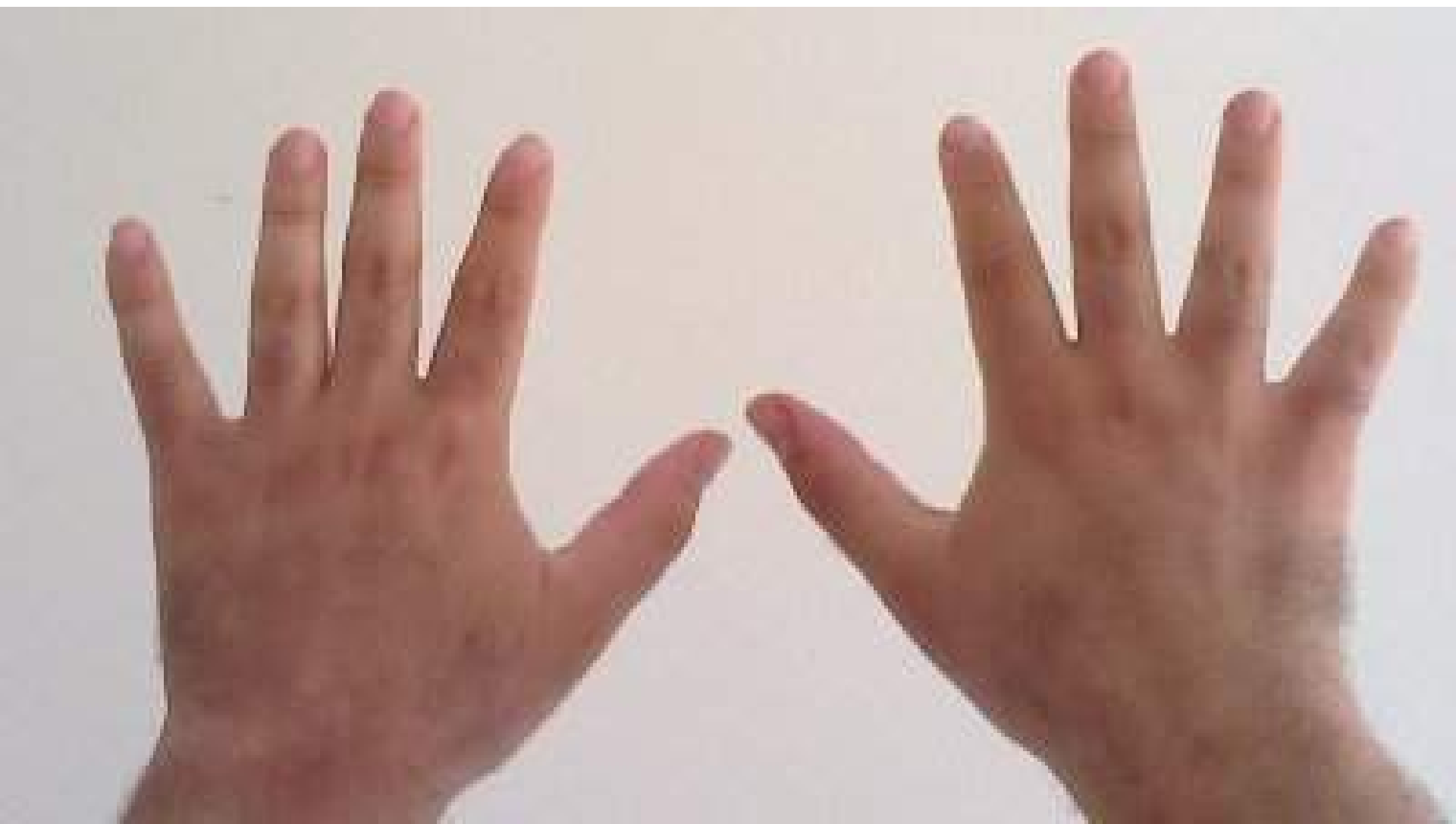
**If you are giving the opening or closing statement, don't be thrown off when the teacher tells you "30 Seconds."**



That is just a warning to let you know how much time that you have to complete your opening or closing statement. This image is courtesy of [digitalgrowth.ca](https://digitalgrowth.ca).

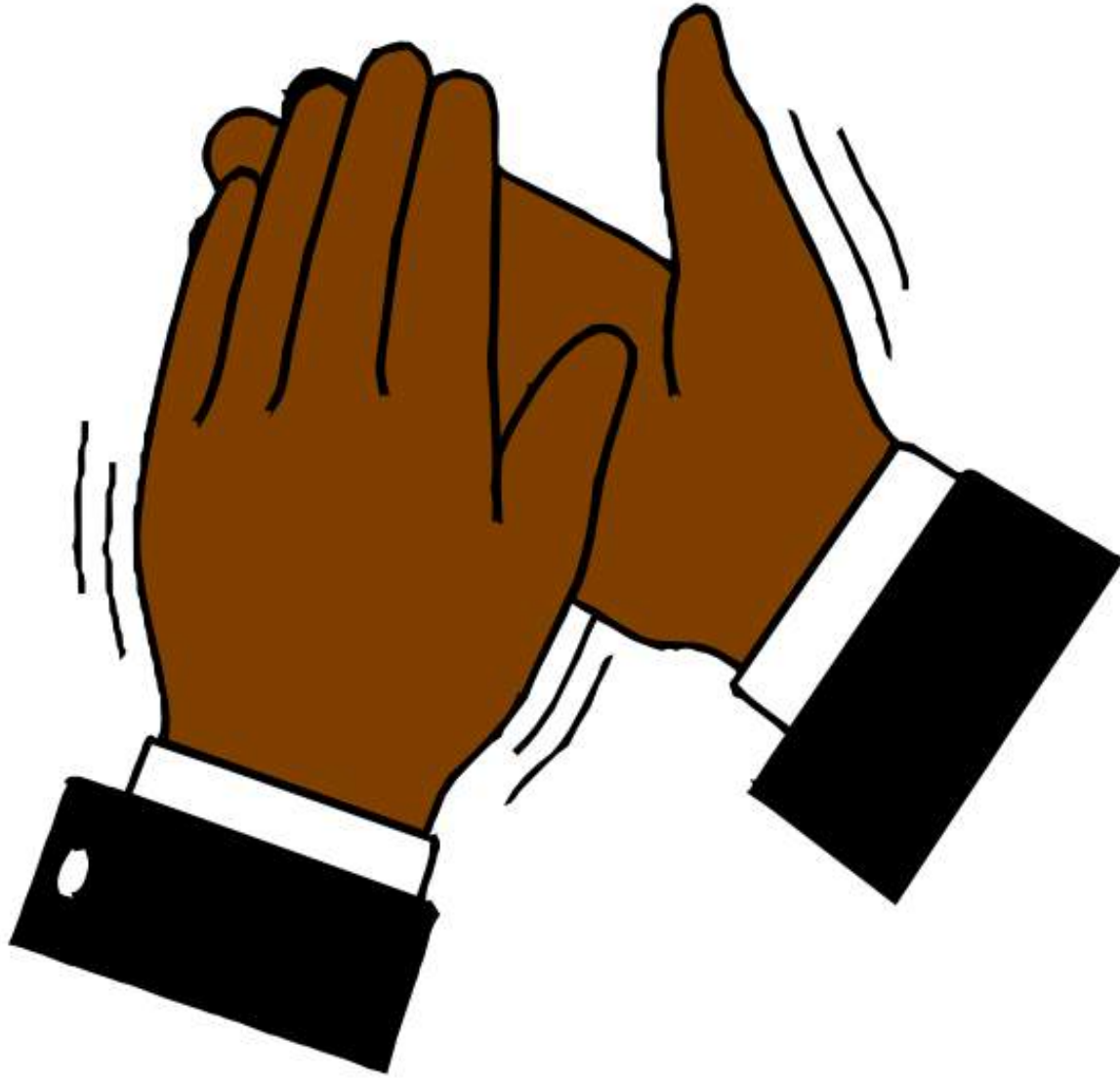


Another reason to keep your head up is if you are giving a one minute statement or rebuttal, the teacher will hold up 10 fingers when ten seconds are left, and count down.



Don't panic, this is just for you to know to "wrap up" whatever statement that you are making. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

**When one finishes their statement or rebuttal, everyone will clap.**



Of course how much everyone claps will depend on the quality of the statement or rebuttal. This image is courtesy of clipart.com.

No debater is allowed to speak **3** times until everyone else on their team has had a chance to speak at least **1** time.



If there is extra time, we might have a chance for optional rebuttals, which are listed on your debate script. This image is courtesy of [www.quazoo.com](http://www.quazoo.com)

**While both sides speak, students should be taking notes on the debate script to help them during the time when it is their turn to speak.**



At this point, one should be taking notes to help you in your rebuttal, and to respond to the other side's rebuttal. Keep your head down, do not show much emotion. Do not show your opponent how effective or laughable their arguments are. You will let them know how laughable their arguments are during the rebuttal. This image is courtesy of [hercampus.com](http://hercampus.com).

Another reason to keep your head down and take notes is that you are graded by how much you are paying attention during the debate.

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**Leadership is judged by how well you work with your fellow students in your huddles and how “engaged” you are in the huddles.**



Don't just sit back and let everyone else talk all the time. Take charge of your own learning, and if you have something to say, attempt to say it. You are graded on your participation, not only on what your group does. This image was created by Mr. Robert Housch.



If someone says something outlandish, and/or controversial on the other side, you should answer that statement during the rebuttal. **Don't ignore it. Go after their statement.**



If you ignore it, then you must think the statement is true, and the other side will receive credit for making a “point” during the debate. Don’t “talk past each other,” engage your opponent. This image is courtesy of [usnews.com](https://www.usnews.com).

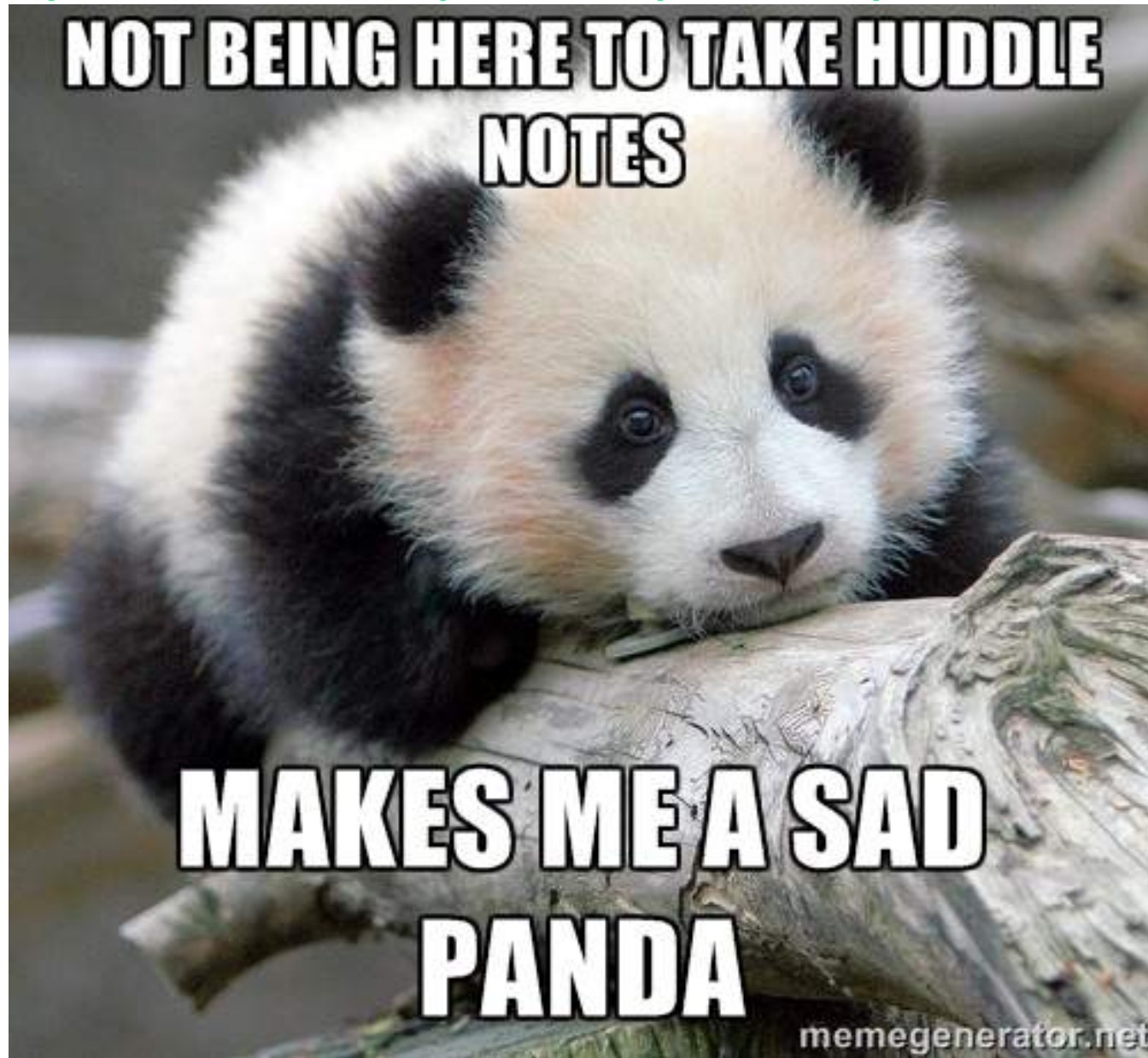
# Use your Debate Scripts to understand exactly where we are in the debate, and what is being said in the debate.

	Proposition:			Debate Script	Name		
				Circle: Prop or Opp	Period	Date	
#1	Proposition Opening Statement #1 3 Minutes	Speaker		Summarize			
#2	Opposition Opening Statement #1 3 Minutes	Speaker		Summarize			
#3	Proposition Opening Statement #2 3 Minutes (This statement will not cover points made in their previous Opening Statement)	Speaker		Summarize			
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#5	Opposition Statement #1 (1 Min.) Rebut a previous statement OR Make a fact based statement OR Tell a story/anecdote	Speaker		Summarize			
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#9	Opposition Statement #2 (1 Min.) Rebut a previous statement OR Make a fact based statement OR Tell a story/anecdote	Speaker		Summarize			
#10	Proposition Rebuttal #2 (1 Min.)	Speaker		Summarize			

The debate script shows step by step who is supposed to speak and when. The speakers and their subjects should also be on the board in front of you. Copy them down on the script. This image was created by Mr. Robert Housch.



Take your debate scripts with you into your “huddles.”



Taking notes during the huddles will help you to know exactly what you want to say during a rebuttal. This image is courtesy of memegenerator.net.

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# The debate ends with closing statements from both sides.



The “Proposition” side speaks first, followed by the “Opposition” side. A student should have already volunteered to do the closing statement for their side. When one does the Opening Statement or the closing statement, they receive “extra credit” for the debate. This image is courtesy of [www2.humboltdeducation.com](http://www2.humboltdeducation.com).

The students will objectively vote on who they believe won the debate.



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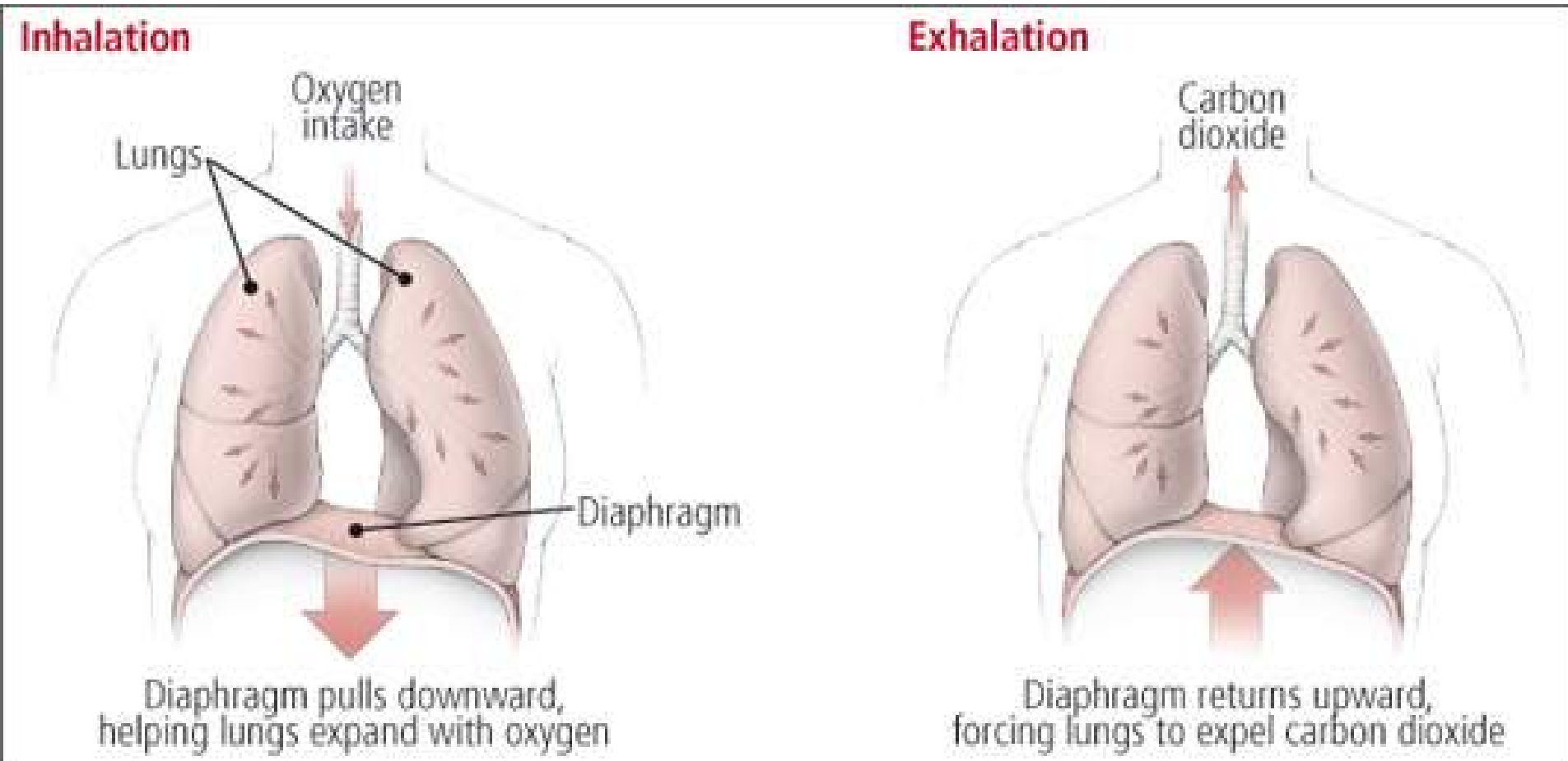
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# Your final grade for the debate will be placed on the Debate Rubric.

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One may earn extra points by either giving the opening argument or the closing argument to their side of the debate. This image was created by Robert Housch.

Take a deep breath and let it out slowly, a good debater is a relaxed debater.



Now start thinking clearly. This image is courtesy of harvard.edu.



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**Approximately 1 Minute**



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- C. Tell a story/anecdote that you have already prepared.

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3. Three items Rebuttal Speaker will use in their rebuttal

A.

B.

C.

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During Rebuttal, a student should: A. Rebut a previous statement by an opponent **OR**

B. Ask a specific opponent a question about the opponent's previous statement.

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Proposition **Rebuttal** #9 & #10

Approximately 1 Minute

# Rebuttal!



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**Opposition Rebuttal #9 & #10**

**Approximately 1 Minute**



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## **Proposition Statement #11**

**Approximately 1 Minute**



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## **Opposition Statement #11**

**Approximately 1 Minute**



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## Proposition Statement #12

Approximately 1 Minute



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## Opposition Statement #12

Approximately 1 Minute



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Proposition **Rebuttal** #11 & #12

Approximately 1 Minute

# Rebuttal!



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**Opposition Rebuttal #11 & #12**

**Approximately 1 Minute**



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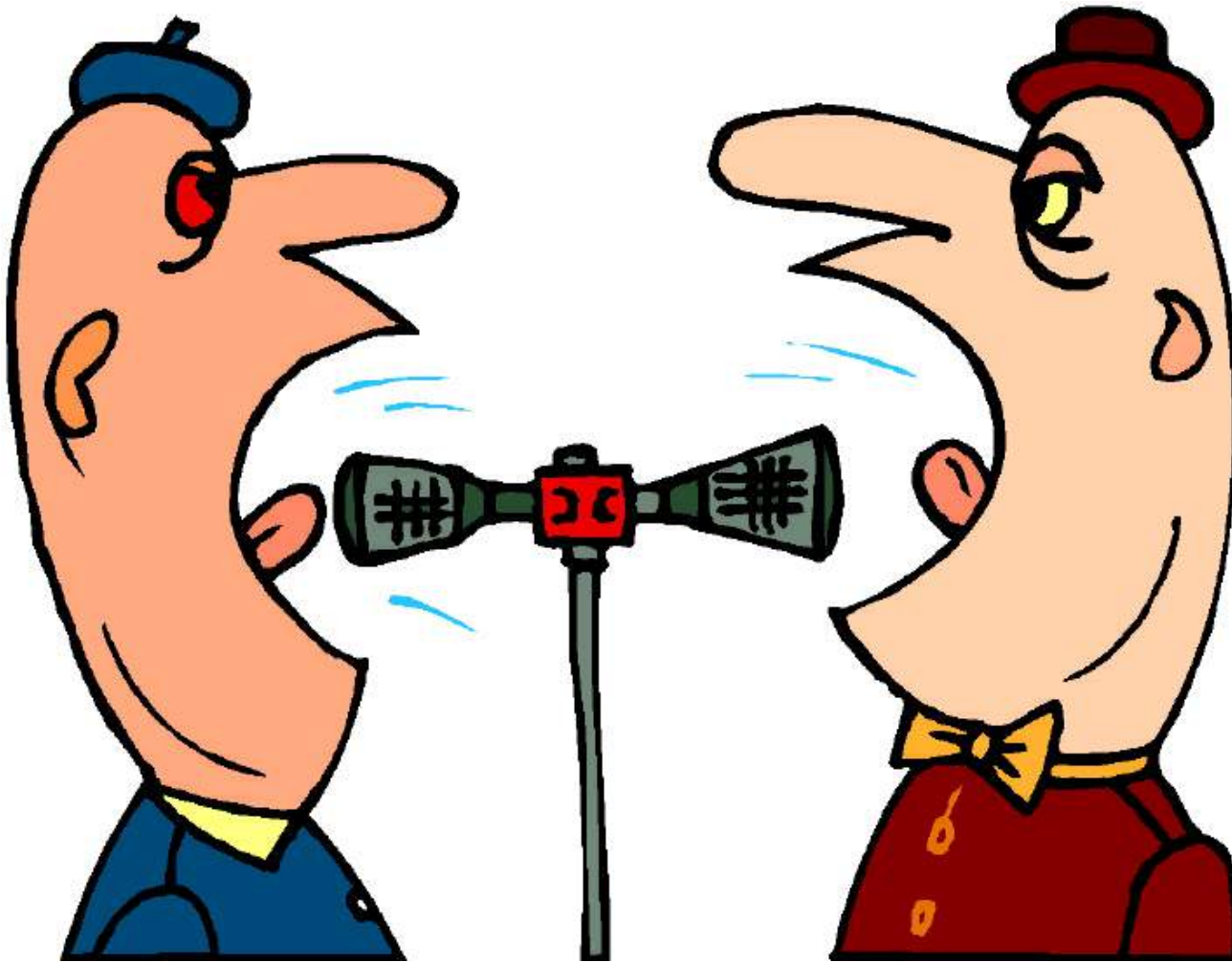
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## Optional Rebuttal #1

Approximately 1 Minute



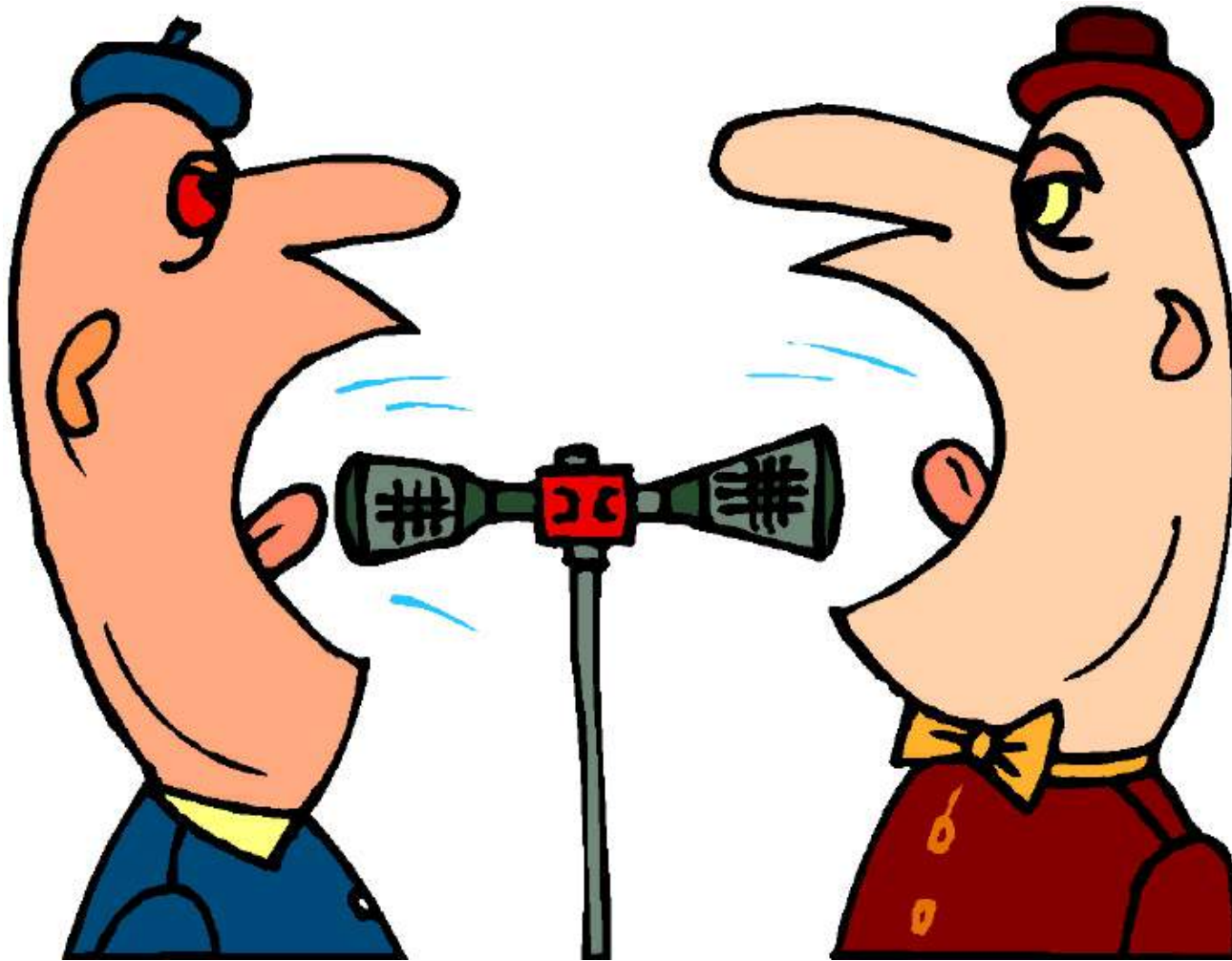
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## Optional Rebuttal #2

Approximately 1 Minute



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## Proposition Closing Statement #1

Approximately 3 Minutes



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## Opposition Closing Statement #1

Approximately 3 Minutes



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## Proposition Closing Statement #2 (if needed)

Approximately 3 Minutes



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Approximately 3 Minutes



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**Staple your Rubric packet/Template to your Debate Script Packet, and place it in the white basket.**



**Make sure your name is on the rubric.** This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

The students will objectively vote on who they believe won the debate.



Notice we are not saying who is right or wrong, but who we believe won the debate.

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You should have received a small piece of paper. Write on it who you think won the debate, give 3 reasons why you think that side won the debate, fold it in half, and place it in the box on the desk near the sign out sheet in the front of the room.



Notice that you are not voting who is right or wrong on this subject, but on which side you believe won the debate. This image is courtesy of [nodiman.en.made-in-china.com](http://nodiman.en.made-in-china.com)

The judges/moderators will objectively vote on who they believe won the debate.



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# Your final grade for the debate will be placed on the Debate Rubric.

Name						Period		
Proposition						Prop or Opp?		
						Date		
Requirement			Points Breakdown			Points Earned		
5 Sources 20 Facts			3					
4 Sources 16 Facts			2.5					
3 Sources 12 Facts			2					
2 Sources 8 Facts			1.5					
Less than 2 Sources 8 Facts			1					
5 Sources 5 Stories			3					
4 Sources 4 Stories			2.5					
3 Sources 3 Stories			2					
2 Sources 2 Stories			1.5					
Less than 2 Sources 2 Stories			1					
Effective Speaking 3 Times			3					
Effective Speaking 2 Times			2					
Effective Speaking 1 Time			1					
Position Statement Written			1-4					
Debate Rules Followed								
Teacher Observation			1-4					
All work is Neat, Readable Spelled Correctly, Turned in on Time			1-4					
Basic Grade			18					
Effective Opening Statement								
Verbally Presented			1-4					
Effective Closing Statement								
Verbally Presented			1-4					
Group Recorder			1-4					

One may earn extra points by either giving the opening argument or the closing argument to their side of the debate. This image was created by Robert Housch.