



Debate Prep and Argument Organizer



Debate Topic / Resolution: _____

Date: _____

Position (Affirmative / Negative): _____

Your Role: _____

1. UNDERSTAND THE TOPIC

What is the topic really asking?

Key terms to define:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Context / Background Information:

2. YOUR POSITION

Write your position statement (thesis):

Why do you hold this position?

3. YOUR MAIN ARGUMENTS

Argument #	Claim (Your Point)	Evidence / Examples	Explanation (Why it matters)
1			
2			
3			

4. ANTICIPATE OPPOSITION

What arguments might the other side make?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How will you respond?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE BANK

Statistics / Data:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Expert Opinions / Sources:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Examples / Anecdotes:

- _____
- _____
- _____

6. DELIVERY PLAN

Key points to emphasize:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Potential counterarguments to address directly:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Closing statement ideas:



FINAL CHECKLIST

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|---|---|---|
| ☐ I understand the topic. | ☐ My arguments are clear and strong. | ☐ I have evidence for each argument. |
| ☐ I've addressed the other side. | ☐ My delivery is planned. | ☐ I am ready! |