

In-Class – Mini Group Debate

Claim, Data, Research

For this debate you will be put into groups in class and given a proposition. Two groups will have the same topic, one group will be assigned the affirmative side and the other group will have the negative side. Utilizing research each person is to go and find two solid reasons why their side is right. During the following class period each student is to come to class with their brief (see below) and be prepared to debate their topic. This will be a group debate so groups will decide who will present and which claims are the STRONGEST.

Students will NOT be graded on the debate ONLY their briefs.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Write two properly worded “Claims” that support the proposition given to you in class.
- Research and cite 2 different pieces of “Data/Grounds” (research) from two different sources for EACH Claim. (total of four pieces of research)

Name: (upper right hand corner)

Mini In-Class Group Debate Brief

Proposition: (as given in class)

Position: (Affirmative or Negative as assigned in class)

Claim 1 (make a claim that proves the proposition)

First Source- that supports this claim

APA style format full citation

Who: Their name AND their credentials to establish their area of expertise.

(Note: this may involve additional research about the author)

When: Typically the date of publication / posting

Where: Name of the root source (i.e. Rolling Stone magazine, msn.com, etc.)

What: How does this piece of research prove your claim? (This is the information you can use in your debate – so be specific and detailed) These are your **GROUND**S.

Second Source – that supports this claim

APA style format full citation

Who: Their name AND their credentials to establish their area of expertise.

(Note: this may involve additional research about the author)

When: Typically the date of publication / posting

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Claim 2 (Repeat the process for Claim 2)