

Debate Preparation Worksheet

1. Define the Debate Topic

What is the topic or resolution? Clarify the exact wording to avoid confusion.

2. Understand Key Terms

List and define any important or ambiguous terms in the resolution.

3. Identify the Core Question

What is the heart of the debate? What is truly being contested?

4. Choose a Stance

What is your general position? Are you in favor or against? Why?

5. Develop 2-3 Strong Arguments

Write down 2-3 main points supporting your stance.

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6. Support Your Arguments

Add examples, statistics, analogies, or logic to support each point.

7. Anticipate Counterarguments

List potential points the opposing side might raise.

8. Prepare Rebuttals

How would you respond to each of the above counterarguments?

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9. Craft an Introduction

How will you introduce your position clearly and powerfully?

10. Prepare a Conclusion

Summarize your main points and end with impact.
