

Structured Controversy/Debate Rubric



Project/Topic: _____

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Organization	All arguments were clearly tied to an idea (premise) and organized in a tight, logical fashion.	Most arguments were clearly tied to an idea (premise) and organized in a tight, logical fashion.	All arguments were clearly tied to an idea (premise) but the organization was sometimes not clear or logical.	Arguments were not clearly tied to an idea (premise).
Use of Facts/Statistics	Every major point was well supported with several relevant facts, statistics and/or examples from a reputable resource and the resource was orally cited.	Most major points were adequately supported with relevant facts, statistics and/or examples from a reputable resource and the resource was orally cited.	Major points were supported with facts, statistics and/or examples, but the relevance of some was questionable.	Most points were not supported with relevant facts.
Quantity of Information	A minimum of 4-5 accurate facts/principles was used to support your position.	A minimum of 2-3 accurate facts/principles was used to support your position.	At least one accurate fact was used to support your position.	No accurate facts/principles were used to support your position.
Understanding of Topic	You clearly understood the issue in-depth and presented your information forcefully and convincingly.	You clearly understood the issue in-depth and presented your information with ease.	You seemed to understand the main points of the issue and presented those with ease.	You did not show an adequate understanding of the issue.
Rebuttal	All counter-arguments were accurate, relevant and strong.	Most counter-arguments were accurate, relevant, and strong.	Most counter-arguments were accurate and relevant, but several were weak.	Counter-arguments were not accurate and/or relevant.
Respect for Others	All statements, body language, and responses were respectful and were in appropriate language.	Statements and responses were respectful and used appropriate language, but once or twice body language was not.	Most statements and responses were respectful and in appropriate language, but there was one sarcastic remark.	Statements, responses and/or body language were consistently not respectful.

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Presentation Style	You consistently used gestures, eye contact, tone of voice and a level of enthusiasm in a way that kept the attention of the audience.	You usually used gestures, eye contact, tone of voice and a level of enthusiasm in a way that kept the attention of the audience.	You sometimes used gestures, eye contact, tone of voice and a level of enthusiasm in a way that kept the attention of the audience.	Your presentation style did not keep the attention of the audience.

Total Score _____ / 28 points

Comments: