

# Lesson Title: Hosting a Presidential Debate

## Handout #3: Debate Ballot

Topic: "Resolved: that \_\_\_\_\_"

### Affirmative Team Members

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### Negative Team Members

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### Sequence of the Debate

Follow the numbers for proper order of speakers. This order balances advantage during the debate.

Affirmative Team	Time
1. Opening Statement _____ Debater's Name	3 min

Negative Team	Time
2. Opening Statement _____ Debater's Name	3 min

3. Rebuttal Argument _____ Debater's Name	3 min
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4. Rebuttal Argument _____ Debater's Name	3 min
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5. Question Session _____ Debater's Name	5 min*
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6. Question Session _____ Debater's Name	5 min*
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7. Summary _____ Debater's Name	3 min
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8. Summary _____ Debater's Name	3 min
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\*Debater answers 4 questions, one from each member of the opposite team; if time, also answers questions from the floor.

The winning team was: (Circle one.)    **AFFIRMATIVE**                      **NEGATIVE**

This team won the debate because: (List one argument which convinced you that this side won.)

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*When you choose the winner, consider only the evidence presented during today's debate. Your own personal opinions about the topic must be set aside, so that you may judge only the relative strength of each team's arguments.*

**Extra Credit:** *Look out for the misleading use of techniques of persuasion and for logical fallacies. If you catch any debater using one of these, quote the statement below and identify the logical flaw and you will receive extra credit.*

Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

Logical Fallacy/ Technique of Persuasion: (Circle one)

*Appeal to Authority*

*Appeal to Antiquity*

*Appeal to Force*

*Hasty Generalization*

*Appeal to Popularity*

*Loaded Question*

*Name Calling*

*Slippery Slope*

*Affinity Fraud*

*Fact as Opinion*

*False Dilemma*

*Opinion as Fact*

*Attacking the Person ("ad hominem")*