

DEBATE TOPIC:

AFFIRMATIVE / NEGATIVE

KEY TERMS:

DEFINITIONS:

Do any key terms need to be defined?

Are there any relevant contextual details?

MODEL:

Do you need to propose a model/change something about society?

Are you advocating keeping the current situation? If so, what is the status quo?

Alternatively, is this an empirical debate where you need to prove/disprove something? If so, what will be the key terms in need of definition?

KEY THEMES OF THE DEBATE:

For example: The environment, economy, role of government, law and order, impact on X, etc.

1.

2.

3.

THEME 1 IDEAS:

Brainstorm 1-2 arguments. Remember:

- *What is your IDEA?*
- *What ANALYSIS/REASONS are there to support this idea?*

EXAMPLES/EVIDENCE:

Can you remember any examples/statistics/facts to back this up?

Can you come up with any HYPOTHETICAL situations to illustrate your argument?

THEME 2 IDEAS/ARGUMENTS:

EXAMPLES/EVIDENCE:

THEME 3 IDEAS/ARGUMENTS:

EXAMPLES/EVIDENCE:

TEAM LINE:

Have a statement of your team's contention to make sure everyone is on the same page.

TEAM SPLIT - FIRST SPEAKER:

TEAM SPLIT - SECOND SPEAKER:

POTENTIAL REBUTTAL:

Use any remaining time to predict the most likely arguments that the opposition may use, and come up with counter-points of your own.