

## Debate: Evaluation by a Teacher or Student Observer

### **Instructions for Teachers:**

Below are criteria for evaluation for a debate.

This evaluation can be completed by students who have been chosen in advance as “observers” or by a teacher.

It is useful to share these criteria with students in advance of the debate.

## Criteria for Evaluating a Debate



A discussion will be taking place in class. Each side will have a chance to express their claims and arguments. Make sure to listen carefully and focus on the following criteria when sharing your feedback:

**Did the speaker effectively use persuasive language in order to strengthen his or her arguments, or to lessen the arguments of the opposing side?**

Rate from 1-5



**Did the speaker clearly present his or her ideas?**

Rate from 1-5



**Attitude Towards Other Participants:  
Did they treat their opponents with care and respect?**

Rate from 1-5



**Write your thoughts about the debate process. Make sure to base your thoughts on examples from the debate.**

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