

How the Debates Will Work/Expectations

Debates: Please refer to the debate schedule to see when you will go. If for whatever reason you need to make a change in the schedule, please let me know **IMMEDIATELY** so I can make the necessary changes to the schedule.

If you fail to show up for your debate, it will be an automatic zero for the Debate Performance and Debate Dress-Up.

It is imperative that you show up on time (within the 5-minute grace period I have given you) for the debates. The expectation is that ALL students will have their cameras on and listening intently. The only people who will be unmuted will be the two students participating in the debate themselves. At the end of the debate, I will give students an opportunity to voice their opinions as well as vote in a poll as to who they think won the debate. The results of the poll and who voted for what will be anonymous.

The Debates will Work Like This: the pro side of the debate will read their speech first, then the con side. While the pro side of the debate is going and vice versa, the other debater should take notes on what the other side of the debate is saying (to refute their claims during the rebuttal period). Afterwards, I will give each student a minute to collect their thoughts before the 5-minute rebuttal period will begin. That 5-minute rebuttal is essentially a free for all. You can attack your opponent and the claims they made. After the five-minute rebuttal period is over, students will voice their opinions on the debate and take the poll as to who they think won in Zoom.

Dressing up: Please see the 'How to Dress Professionally' Guidelines. I will be asking students to stand up so I can see their entire outfit (including their shoes). If you have questions about what to wear or if you want to double check if your outfit is considered professional, please ask me ahead of time.