

# DEBATES

The following criteria scale is used to determine the overall score.

Total points possible: \_\_\_\_\_

**1** = Weak    **2** = Moderately Weak    **3** = Average    **4** = Moderately Strong    **5** = Strong

<b>1.</b> Participants' statements are accurate and well researched.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2.</b> Participants' contributions demonstrate understanding of the topic and related concepts.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>3.</b> Participants deliver ideas in a clear and concise manner, without too much reliance on notes.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>4.</b> Participants speak loudly and clearly enough to be heard by the audience.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>5.</b> Participants maintain eye contact with each other and with the audience.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6.</b> Each participant's statements are relevant to the topic and appropriate for his or her side of the debate.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>7.</b> The debate follows the appropriate format and time limits.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>8.</b> Rebuttal statements are appropriate and show that participants listened to and understood the opposing arguments.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>9.</b> The debate fulfills the requirements of the assignment.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>10.</b> Overall, the debate represents the full potential of the participants.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

**Additional Comments:**

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**Total Points Earned/Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_