

WORKSHEET

How to Debate an Issue

SELECT A TOPIC to debate and write the question below:

USE THE FOLLOWING format to debate the topic:

The affirmative side will:

State the problem to be solved. Why is this problem significant?

Explain who or what is harmed if this problem isn't resolved. Use factual evidence to quantify the harms.

Propose a plan of action. Explain why it is better than the current system.

Provide factual evidence to show how your plan will solve the problem.

The negative side will:

Refute the arguments of the affirmative, using factual evidence to quantify and support its position.

The negative position can also support the status quo's ability to solve the problem.