

REBUTTAL BATTLE

NAME: _____

Read the question and take a stance. 1) Prepare to defend your position in a battle: Write down your arguments (reasons and evidence) and anticipate your opponent's arguments. 2) Battle.

Question: _____

MY STANCE: YES/FOR/AGREE NO/AGAINST/DISAGREE

1. PREPARE

Prepare to defend your arguments

YOUR ARGUMENTS

Take a stance. Support your reasons with evidence, facts, and relevant examples.

COUNTER-ARGUMENTS

Anticipate how your opponent might respond: interpret claims differently; point to drawbacks.

REBUTTALS

Be ready with a comeback. Refute the counter-argument by showing how/why it is invalid.

Prepare to take on your opponent

OPPONENT'S ARGUMENTS

Look at it from the other side and anticipate what arguments your opponent will make.

YOUR COUNTER

Respond to the opponent's arguments. Try to make a counter that will be hard to refute.

OPPONENT'S DEFENSE

Anticipate how your opponent will try to show that your counter is invalid, illogical or irrelevant



2. BATTLE

Pair up with someone whose position is opposite of yours. Use the (pretend) comment section below to debate. Imagine that it is an online comment section under a newspaper article. There are two rounds in the battle. Take turns being first. One person starts the round by writing down their main argument. Next, the opponent responds with a counterargument. Lastly, the person who started the round makes a rebuttal.



NAME

- YES/FOR/AGREE
 NO/AGAINST/DISAGREE



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Round 1:



Main
argument



Counter
argument



Rebuttal

Round 2:



Main
argument



Counter
argument



Rebuttal

Who won?

Decide together who won. First, evaluate Round 1, then Round 2. Consider the use of evidence and logical reasoning; if the responses directly addressed the opponent's argument; and how well you were able to defend an attack.

