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**Debate Rubric**

Give the team one point for each thing they accomplish.

Thesis:Team members:

1. Was prepared at beginning of class. Didn't need to make us wait for last minute preparations.	
2. Approached the front with confidence and seriousness of purpose	

**3. Opening Statement:**

Had an introduction	
Grabbed my attention	
Clearly presented their position (thesis)	
<b>Gave at least three main reasons why I should believe them</b>	
<b>Offered complete, accurate information</b>	
<b>Cited all sources</b>	
Concluded in some way that left us thinking or left us with a positive impression	
Had obviously been rehearsed	

**4. Direct arguments & responses to audience input:**

Really answered questions or addressed issue raised by opponent or audience	
Was respectful	
<b>Advanced their position</b>	
<b>At least acknowledged opposing opinion</b>	
<b>Did not give up or appear to be frustrated</b>	

**5. Closing arguments:**

Restated their position	
<b>Took into consideration what had been said during direct arguments and audience input</b>	
Left us thinking or left us feeling positive about their position	

**6. Public speaking skills:**

Was not chewing gum	
Spoke clearly	
Seemed enthusiastic and interested	
Spoke at a nice even pace, not too quickly or too slowly	
Made eye contact with the audience	
Spoke loudly enough for back row to hear easily	
Spoke to us instead of reading	
Seemed to have practiced	
Involved the audience in some way (made it personal for us)	
Didn't fidget, slump or freeze (no gesturing)	
Dealt smoothly with errors that arose	
Nearly filled time limits on opening and closing	
All group members participated equally	
<b>Total</b>	<b>/ 30</b>

7. Who won the debate? Why do you think so?