

THE DEBATE KIT TEAM STRATEGIES TO CONSIDER



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I'm on a mission to flip the script on how we teach today's writers, so...

I provide secondary ELA teachers with the **resources + mindset** they need to make the **writing process** more **relevant + applicable** for today's learners and tomorrow's leaders.

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AFFIRMATIVE

I WANT TO CHANGE THE PRESENT SYSTEM!!

To reasonably debate my opponent, I must:

PROVE THAT CHANGE IS NEEDED!!

- Uphold the burden of proof
 - Provide sufficient reasoning for adopting the proposition
 - Give sufficient evidence that current system is failing and the proposition will remedy this failure
- Overcome presumption
 - Overcome those who presume that the current system works well and doesn't need fixed
- Establish prima facie, or the minimal argument required to support the proposition without refutation
 - Stock issues that help establish Prima Facie:
 - There is harm
 - It is significant
 - It is inherent
 - Our plan will solve the harm.
 - There are advantages to plan.
- Up-level your approach:
 - ANTICIPATE possible/potential negative attacks against your plan and create answers to possible objections!

NEGATIVE

I WANT TO DEFEND THE PRESENT SYSTEM!!

To reasonably debate my opponent, I must:

PROVE CHANGE IS NECESSARY!!

- Challenge proof
 - Demonstrate that the Affirmative fails to meet burden of proof's:
 - existence
 - OR
 - reliability
- Justify presumptions...
 - Current system in effect IS good enough--it should remain in effect
- Reverse prima facie via valid refutations; apply appropriate arguments/research/reasoning to whatever affirmative presents
 - Refute Stock Issues presented:
 - Harm may exist BUT...
 - It is minimal.
 - It is unrelated to present system.
 - Present system will solve it.
 - New plan will create disadvantages and additional harm.
- Up-level your approach:
 - ANTICIPATE WHY the affirmative believes the plan will improve current system and ANTICIPATE the type of plan they'll likely suggest!

What's Your Best Shot at Winning a Debate?
Arrive PREPARED with LOTS OF PROOF/EVIDENCE!!
But more than anything, listen and be REASONABLE!