Energy Debate

Preparation

* Obtain current information from reputable sources
* Nothing older than 2010
* Recommended sites
  + Any US federal websites (Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, Environmental Protection Agency)
  + World Wildlife Fund
  + United Nations
  + News sites 🡪 Reuters, BBC, Al Jazeera, Associated Press
* Prepare a brief with all sections complete and properly formatted
* Present your information effectively and convincingly
* Reflect clearly on the principles involved in the issue

On the day of your debate, a coin will be flipped to decide which energy you will debate (either your assigned energy or your opponents assigned energy). Additionally, a coin will be flipped to decide which team is “pro” and which is “con”.

Debate

A coin flip will determine which energy you debate and which side your team is on.

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| ***Side*** | ***Presentation*** | ***Time*** |
| Pro | Opening statement with reasons the energy source is superior + evidence | 3 minutes |
| Con | Rebuttal. Challenge the opening statement of the pro team + evidence | 2 minutes |
| Con | Opening statement with reasons the energy source is inferior + evidence | 3 minutes |
| Pro | Rebuttal. Challenge the opening statement of the con team + evidence | 2 minutes |
| BREAK | Teams review rebuttal and prepare final statement | 2 minutes |
| Con | Closing statement summarizing costs + providing evidence and refuting benefits + evidence | 1 minute |
| Pro | Closing statement summarizing benefits + providing evidence and refuting costs + evidence | 1 minute |

Scoring guide (example)

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| ***Section*** | ***Points earned (tally)*** | ***Evidence*** |
| Pro opening statement |  |  |
| Con rebuttal |  |  |
| Con opening statement |  |  |
| Pro rebuttal |  |  |
| Con summary |  |  |
| Pro summary |  |  |
| Pro total |  | |
| Con total |  | |