

## **How to Write Strong Debate Arguments**

- 1. Read the resolution**
- 2. Define the terms**
- 3. Determine what side you will argue**
- 4. Look at the facts around the resolution**
- 5. Put facts into two lists. One list for facts that support the affirmative argument and one list for facts that support the negative argument.**
- 6. Write four possible arguments for the side you are arguing**
- 7. Write a counter argument for each of the four arguments you wrote**
- 8. Rewrite your four counter arguments while also rebutting the counter arguments**
- 9. Use the evidence found to further justify your argument**
- 10. Explain why those facts justify your argument and support or negate the resolution**
- 11. Create a thesis statement using the three strongest arguments for your case**
- 12. Create an outline (See How to Outline a Debate)**
- 13. Write your arguments in paragraph form following the outline**