

Attachment #1 –

Rubric on Group Work (Optional)

- 4 points Worked well with the group all of the time.
- 3 points Worked well with the group most of the time.
- 2 points Worked well with the group some of the time.
- 1 point Had many problems working cooperatively with the group.

Rubric on Debate

The teacher may select point values for each category. Each student will be given the point total from the following two rubrics:

Defending Position Rubric	Not at all	Somewhat	Good	Excellent
1. You provided accurate data.				
2. You defended each claim well.				
3. You presented believable arguments.				
4. You predicted and responded well to objections.				
5. You articulated your speech well and engaged the audience through eye contact.				

Rebutting Position Rubric	Not at all	Somewhat	Good	Excellent
1. You addressed opponents' concerns accurately.				
2. You respected opponents while opposing their ideas.				
3. You predicted the opposition and convinced the audience otherwise.				
4. You addressed comments from the audience accurately.				
5. You concluded your rebuttal with accurate claims.				

Attachment #2 –

Debate Topics – Select according to the level of interest/ability/sophistication of the students. Add or delete topics as you wish.

- There should be laws that restrict what can be seen or heard on the Internet.
- Public schools should allow religious groups to use its facilities after school hours.
- Public schools should allow for a moment of silence and/or prayer.
- Women in the military should be held to the same standards as men.
- There should be equal funding for men's and women's sports in schools.
- Public schools should be able to require all students to wear uniforms.
- Corporal punishment should be used for discipline in public schools.
- Youths who commit crimes should be treated like adults.
- There should be greater control by government over sex and violence in movies and on TV.
- The death penalty should be abolished.
- Girls should not be allowed to play contact sports.
- Parents should be held liable for the actions of their children.
- Standardized tests should be the main criteria for judging the progress of students and the effectiveness of schools.
- Students should be taught how to use calculators in primary grades.
- Students should be able to have cell phones in the "on" position even during classes.
- Homework is absolutely necessary for all subject areas.
- When all facts are considered, keeping killer whales in captivity is a good idea.
- Private schools are better than public schools and should be partially supported with tax money.
- Vehicles driven for noncommercial use should get at least 26 mpg.
- Students should be able to establish their own dress code.