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## Debate Preparation Worksheet

Directions: To prepare for the upcoming debate, fill in your statement (position), major points, and supporting examples. Also, try to figure out what the other team might say and be ready to make counterarguments in response to their points.

## 1. Statement

State the answer to the debate question or the opinion that you’ll be arguing:

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## 2. Major Points

Aim to have at least four major points as part of your opening argument. Each major point should clearly support your statement. Each major point should also have a piece of supporting evidence. Use your claim-testing skills to help ensure your supporting evidence is high quality.

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| **Major Point 1** |
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| **Examples and supporting evidence** |
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| **Major Point 2** |
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| **Major Point 3** |
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| **Major Point 4** |
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| **Examples and supporting evidence** |
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## 3. Checklist

Before you begin your debate, be sure you’ve covered all of the points below. You should also look at the “Debate Rubric,” which will help you understand the details of what you need to do to have a successful debate. Hold a practice round with your team as part of the preparation and use the Debate Rubric to “grade” your group members.

* [ ]  Position statement is clear and concise.
* [ ]  The overall argument is logical and easy to follow.
* [ ]  Major points strongly support the position statement.
* [ ]  The evidence provided supports the major points and is of high quality.
* [ ]  Good eye contact and tone of voice. Kept audience’s attention.