



THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM
AT DEALEY PLAZA

Political Debates: Format and Evaluation Sheet

Topic: “Resolved: that _____”

Affirmative Team Members

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Negative Team Members

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Sequence of the Debate

Follow the numbers for proper order of speakers. This order balances advantage during the debate. (Compare with the order of games in a sports championship series.)

Affirmative Team

Time

1. Opening Statement 3 min
_____ Debater's Name
3. Rebuttal Argument 3 min
_____ Debater's Name
5. Question Session 5 min*
_____ Debater's Name
6. Summary 3 min
_____ Debater's Name

Negative Team

Time

2. Opening Statement 3 min
_____ Debater's Name
4. Rebuttal Argument 3 min
_____ Debater's Name
6. Question session 5 min*
_____ Debater's Name
7. Summary 3 min
_____ Debater's Name

**Debater answers 4 questions, one from each member of the opposite team; if time, also answers questions from the floor.*

The winning team was: (Circle one.) **AFFIRMATIVE**

NEGATIVE

When you choose the winner, consider only the evidence presented during today's debate. Your own personal opinions about the topic must be set aside, so that you may judge only the relative strength of each team's arguments. Needless to add, don't vote for a team because your friend is on it.

This team won the debate because: (List one argument which convinced you that this side won.)
