

Debate Critique

Read the questions below. If you were responsible for opening arguments, write your analysis on your opening as well as the entire discussion (you need not discuss the closing arguments). If you were responsible for closing arguments, write your analysis of the closing arguments as well as the entire discussion (you need not discuss the opening arguments). View the *entire* debate, taking notes as you do. Make good use of these notes, quoting specific examples, to support assertions you make about the debate. The more you engage with this self-study, the more you will benefit from the assignment.

Remember to describe episodes in the debate completely as the person reading the debate critique may not be your instructor. When you are finished with your written analysis (it should be at least one page, single-spaced), turn it in to the Lab Instructor.

Proposition:

RESOLVED: _____

Set speech, opening arguments

How was the opening argument presented?

What evidence was introduced? What did you do (strategically) to make that evidence effective? Was the citation of that evidence effective?

Describe your delivery (vocal and physical) in the opening argument and whether it contrasted with your delivery in the discussion phase.

[For first neg speaker:] What did you say to refute the first aff's opening argument?

Discussion

What were your main arguments in the debate (write them out below) and counterpose them with the opponents' main arguments in the debate. What evidence was cited for the arguments? Was there clash or were arguments sidestepped or ignored?

How did you handle a question or attack from your opponents? How might you do it differently, now that you have time to view the speech event again?

Describe if and whether your debate partner worked with you during the debate.

Describe the climate of discussion with your opponents.

Set speech, closing arguments

What closing arguments were presented and how did they tie in with the prior discussion?

What evidence was introduced? What did you do (strategically) to make that evidence effective? Was the citation of evidence effective?

Describe your delivery (vocal and physical) in the closing argument and whether it contrasted with your delivery in the discussion.

[For the second aff speaker:] What did you say to refute the second neg's closing argument?

Both second neg and second aff: How did the conclusion tie arguments together and end with appeals to logic and emotion?