**Prompt:**

**Should insert DEBATABLE QUESTION here?**

**Claim A:** Yes, .

**Claim B:** No, .

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| **WORD BANK:** In your debate, you must use at least three of the words in the bank: | |
| * **You could insert vocab words here from the articles.** |  |

**Directions:**

1. Before the Mini Debate write your assigned claim in the chart on the next page, and the two reasons you believe your claim is true.
2. You and your opponent will each have two minutes to speak during the mini debate.
   * Use your notes when it is your turn to present your argument.
   * Take notes on your opponent’s argument when it is his/her turn to speak.
3. You and your opponent will each engage in a 2-minute cross-examination period. Claim A person asks the questions and Claim B responds; then they switch.
4. You and your opponent will each have two minutes to prepare a response to each other’s arguments. In your response, you should offer a direct counterargument of your opponent’s argument, and say why your argument is better.
5. You will be judged by a peer. Judges will use a rubric to determine which team convinced them the most.

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| **MY claim is:** | |
| ***Reason #1*** | |
| Evidence | Reasoning: How does this evidence support your claim? |
| ***Reason #2*** | |
| Evidence | Reasoning: How does this evidence support your claim? |
| ***Reason #3*** | |
| Evidence | Reasoning: How does this evidence support your claim? |

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| **Round #1: My OPPONENT’S claim is:** |
| ***Reason #1*** |
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| **Reason #2** |
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| **Reason #3** |
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| **My Questions** | **My Opponent’s Response** |
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| **Round #2: MY counterargument is:** |
| **Response to Opponent’s Argument:**  **Why My Argument Is Better:** |

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| **Round #2: My opponent’s counterargument is:** |

***Pair Share –* After the Mini Debate:**

Something new I learned by engaging in this debate…

My actual opinion is… because…