

Debate Planning Worksheet

Name: _____ Topic: _____

Assigned Side: For Against

1. Build Your Argument – Use the A.R.E. Framework

A – Assertion (What’s your main claim?)

R – Reasoning (Why is your claim true?)

E – Evidence (What proof supports your reasoning?)
(Use a fact, statistic, or expert quote)

2. Refute Your Opponent’s Argument (4-Step Method)

1. They Say... (Summarize their point)

2. But I Disagree... (State your disagreement)

3. Because... (Give your reasoning or counter-evidence)

4. Therefore... (Explain why your argument is stronger)

Optional Closing Statement

End with a final thought or call to action:
