

PRO/CON LIST: POINTS FOR DEBATES AND ESSAYS

Instructions: Use these pages to help you develop your ideas and arguments for debates or essays.

1. Write down your debate resolution (BIRT: *Be it resolved that...*) or thesis statement.
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2. Write down three arguments for (pro) and three arguments against (con) your debate resolution or thesis statement.

Pro arguments

Con arguments

a)

a)

b)

b)

c)

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3. Use each section of this table to develop your arguments, ideas, evidence, and examples for your thesis or debate resolution.

I. Advance conventional arguments	Construct/map main argument
Associated thinkers (multiple perspectives)	Key concepts/theories



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II. Anticipate/counter opposition	Critical thinking: rebuttals, identify logical fallacies
Associated thinkers (multiple perspectives)	Key concepts/theories
III. Original ideas/new lines of attack	Creative thinking: thought experiments, analogies, projecting consequences
Associated thinkers (multiple perspectives)	Key concepts/theories

4. Develop a conclusion that leaves your audience with a lasting impression of the reasonableness of your argument.

