

THE GREAT DEBATE

Resolved: The New Open World Academy is a great school.

The Team: **AFFIRMATIVE !!**

Researchers

The job of the researchers is to **gather evidence (expert opinions, facts and statistics, anecdotes, etc.)** and ensure the team has enough good evidence to support their position.

1. Researcher 1 _____
2. Researcher 2 _____
3. Researcher 3 _____

Speakers

The job of the speakers is to **shape the evidence into a powerful argument** for their position and **deliver that argument persuasively in the debate.**

1. Opening Statement _____
2. Offer of Evidence 1 _____
3. Offer of Evidence 2 _____
4. Crossfire 1 _____
5. Rebuttal _____
6. Crossfire 2 _____
7. Closing Statement _____

The Rest of the Team

Recorders

The job of the recorders is to note down the details of the process (who says what, who does what) as the debate is being put together. Dialogue, narrative, pictures, even video—all are pieces of the story. After the debate, it is the job of the recorders to **put the details together into a written narrative**—the story of their team’s debate—and **tell that story in the form of a presentation (oral, dramatic, multimedia) to the rest of the class.**

Recorder 1 _____

Recorder 2 _____

Recorder 3 _____

Authors

The job of the authors is to take the argument presented by their team and shape it into a “position paper” that makes their argument in the form of **a formal essay of five paragraphs or more**, the findings of which they **deliver in a professional presentation to the rest of the class** before **submitting the paper for publication on our website.**

Author 1 _____

Author 2 _____

Author 3 _____

A word about TEAMWORK : This project is a group effort and demands a high level of responsibility from all members of the team. Each piece of the project is vitally important to the overall success of the team, and each person’s contribution is essential. You will have to maintain your own commitment and also monitor the progress of your teammates. EACH PROJECT MUST BE COMPLETE TO BE SUCCESSFUL, AND EACH TASK IS A PORTION OF THE OVERALL GRADE FOR THE TEAM. EVERY PERSON ON THE TEAM RECEIVES THE SAME GRADE.

(There will also be a bonus for the winning team!)