

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_ Pro: \_\_\_\_\_ Con: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>The Ten Steps to Successful Debating**</b>	<b>Pro*</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Con*</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	Claims are considered as fact, value or policy, and argued accordingly.				
2	Relevant terms are defined by Pro side, challenged as appropriate by Con side.				
3	Clear, supported arguments are advanced in an orderly way, and numbered effectively.				
4	Each side tracks flow, effectively responding to points made by the other side.				
5	Timing and speaker duties are effectively followed:				
5a	Constructives: Pro debaters have divided up their case. Con debaters have both presented their own objections to the proposition and answered the Pro arguments.				
5b	Rebuttals extend original arguments and also reply/rebut opposing points.				
6	Each side has constructed a case—a set of arguments—organized into numbered points, each point supported by reasoning and evidence. Forms of reasoning are thoughtfully used, and quality of evidence is provided such that evidential disputes can be resolved.				
7	Rebuttal speeches both defend the speaker's case and reply to the opponents'.				
8	Both sides provide criteria for resolving the issue, heuristics for argument analysis and resolution appropriate to factual or policy claims.				
9	Speakers recognize the role of values, identifying their ethical framework and defending it as appropriate.				
10	Debate is treated as a cooperative exercise in seeking the truth.				
	Slides are readable and effective.				
	Speaking is professional and engaging.				

\* Pro and Con teams given check minus, check, or check plus.

\*\* Rubric developed from the slides of Prof. Ed Schiappa, posted on the 6.141 website for 4/11/14.